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8.00 a.m.	8.15 a.m.	"	"
8.15 a.m.	8.30 a.m.	"	"
8.30 a.m.	8.45 a.m.	"	"
8.45 a.m.	8.55 a.m.	"	"
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9.10 a.m.	9.25 a.m.	"	"
9.25 a.m.	9.40 a.m.	"	"
9.40 a.m.	9.55 a.m.	"	"
9.55 a.m.	10.10 a.m.	"	"
10.10 a.m.	10.25 a.m.	"	"
10.25 a.m.	10.40 a.m.	"	"
10.40 a.m.	10.55 a.m.	"	"
10.55 a.m.	11.10 a.m.	"	"
11.10 a.m.	11.25 a.m.	"	"
11.25 a.m.	11.40 a.m.	"	"
11.40 a.m.	11.55 a.m.	"	"
11.55 a.m.	12.10 p.m.	"	"
12.10 p.m.	12.25 p.m.	"	"
12.25 p.m.	12.40 p.m.	"	"
12.40 p.m.	12.55 p.m.	"	"
12.55 p.m.	1.10 p.m.	"	"
1.10 p.m.	1.25 p.m.	"	"
1.25 p.m.	1.40 p.m.	"	"
1.40 p.m.	1.55 p.m.	"	"
1.55 p.m.	2.10 p.m.	"	"

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7.30 a.m.	8.30 a.m.	"	"
8.30 a.m.	9.30 a.m.	"	"
9.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	"	"
10.30 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	"	"
11.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	"	"
12.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	"	"
1.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	"	"
2.30 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	"	"
3.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	"	"
4.30 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	"	"
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Kowloon .....	6.41	8.35	9.15	10.28	12.00	1.18	4.34	5.27
Yau Ma Tei .....	6.51	8.45	9.25	10.38	12.09	1.27	4.43	5.37
Shatin .....	7.03	8.57	9.37	10.50	12.21	1.39	4.55	5.50
Tai Po .....	7.17	9.11	9.51	11.03	12.34	1.52	5.08	6.03
Tai Po Market .....	7.29	9.23	10.03	11.15	12.46	1.56	5.12	6.07
Fanling .....	7.33	9.27	10.07	11.19	12.48	2.06	5.23	6.17
Sheung Shui .....	7.38	9.32	10.12	11.23	12.53	2.10	5.27	6.21
Shum Chun .....	7.44	9.38	10.18	11.29	12.58	2.16	5.33	6.27

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum Chun .....	7.22	8.06	8.28	10.37	11.40	2.58	4.36	5.12
Sheung Shui .....	7.29	8.13	8.34	10.44	11.47	3.05	4.44	5.19
Fanling .....	7.33	8.18	8.38	10.48	11.51	3.10	4.49	5.23
Tai Po Market .....	7.43	8.29	8.48	10.58	12.02	3.21	5.01	5.53
Tai Po .....	7.47	8.34	10.12	11.03	12.07	3.27	5.08	5.57
Shatin .....	8.00	8.47	10.25	11.16	12.21	3.40	5.23	6.09
Yau Ma Tei .....	8.14	8.59	10.38	11.28	12.34	3.53	5.37	6.21
Kowloon .....	8.23	9.09	10.46	11.36	12.42	4.01	5.45	6.10

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Fanling .....	7.45	11.30	2.30	4.30	Shatin .....	6.30	10.15	1.05
Shatin .....	8.40	12.25	3.15	5.15	Fanling .....	7.35	11.10	2.00

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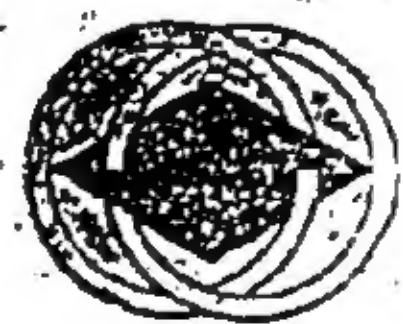
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## HOW OLD IS MAH-JONG?

(By SIR E. DENISON ROSS, Director, School of Oriental Studies, London.)

It is not in connection with the game of Mah-Jong as such that I offer the following remarks, but only in connection with its origin. Heartily as I approve of other people gambling, it is a matter of total indifference to me whether they play Mah-Jong or Bridge—both have the same defect of depriving non-players of the society of charming women and men, so I accept both in silence.

But I think it is time we learnt the truth about the origin of this game, which, as far as I can judge, grows simultaneously in popularity and antiquity. Indeed, I am told that part of its success is due to its very age. Chess, draughts, and polo are, we know, nearly as old as man himself, but on what authority is Mah-Jong included among the ancients?

Can anyone produce a book in any language, written more than twenty years ago, which makes allusion to the game or to any game at all resembling it?

The name "Mah-Jong" is a corruption of "Ma-chiao," which means a house-sparrow. In no dialect is "chiao" pronounced "jong." How then did the name come into being? The tile-bearing Chinese characters are inevitably beautiful, because there is no such thing as an ugly Chinese character if properly written. But surely it would be difficult to find anything in Chinese art so unightly as the "bamboos" and "circles." I feel it is hard to believe these tiles were designed by the Chinese themselves.

Why, again, is the sign which is called "character" so called? The sign is the common contraction of an elaborate character, found in some sets, called *kan*, meaning "ten thousand."

I am fully aware of the fact that the game has won as great a popularity among the Chinese as among the Americans and the English; but it is strange to find the Chinese accepting the inaccurate terminology adopted by English-speaking people. This may perhaps be accounted for by the circumstance that Chinese gentlemen, unless they happen to come from the same part of China, employ English for purposes of conversation, though for purposes of correspondence they would naturally employ the Chinese language and characters.

In conclusion, I ask if any reference to the origin of this popular game can be traced in a work written before the game reached America.—*Daily Mail*.

Sir William Wilkinson, Bathampton, Bath, writes: "Mah-jong" (ma-chiao) is not the name of the game itself but of the cards with which it and several other Chinese card games are played. Chief among these is Khanhoo, brought out in English guise in 1891. The true name of "Mah-jong" is Chung-fa; and Chung-fa sets were described by me in the catalogue *raisonné* of the collection of the Chinese playing-cards which I exhibited at the World's Fair in 1893.

## PREPARATION OF INSULIN. THE NEW METHOD.

(By "THE TIMES" MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Very great interest has been aroused by the announcement of the new method of preparing insulin without the use of alcohol. The discoverer of the method is Dr. E. C. Dodds, chemical pathologist to the Middlesex Hospital, and in the current number of the *Lancet* he and Mr. F. Dickens, assistant in the biochemistry department of the hospital, make a preliminary communication on the subject. The new method and the old may be thus compared:

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## COMPANY MEETING.

LANGKATS.

The annual meeting of the Nanyang Rubber Planting Co., Ltd. was held last week at the office of the general agents, Messrs. George McEwan, Shanghai. Mr. R. S. F. McEwan presided and was supported by Messrs. John Propert, R. C. Triggs and J. Elmore. The Chairman said:—

In the account you will notice that reserves against sundry assets have been increased by Rs. 86,725.91 being the amount realized for sundry assets in excess of what they stood at in our books.

On the advice of our auditors it was decided to form a reserve of Rs. 28,725.41 for foreign staff leave pay, and debit the respective working accounts annually with their proper proportion of these charges instead of in the year in which they were actually incurred as hitherto.

Sundry assets have been reduced during the year from Rs. 343,559.32 to Rs. 443,029.91 and we hope to see them reduced still further during the present year. The item stores, plant and machinery has been increased from Rs. 29,001.55 to Rs. 300,507—principally owing to the taking back into stock of a quantity of stores, etc., from the Darat Oil Field not wanted by the B.P.M.

## DISAPPOINTING FEATURES

I regret that the accounts for the year under review show a somewhat disappointing result in spite of the fact that a satisfactory profit of Rs. 135,420.11 was earned on rubber. The loss on oils due principally to the expenditure on packing and transport of machinery, but it is to be hoped that we shall reap the benefit of this work in the present year. The loss on timber was due to our losing our market in the south, and we had almost decided to abandon the business. It appears, however, that there are profits to be made in China on some of our timber and it is our intention to give these markets a fair trial. During the year under review, however, little timber was sold in Sumatra and business at this end had not started to yield results. Up to the present sales have been small, but we have promises of good orders when we are in a position to deliver according to the requirements of the market. Our timber yard is on the West Road and we are installing a small sawmill and a kiln for drying timber; also, we are about to open a modest showroom where it will be possible for prospective buyers to see the finished articles. Some of you may wish to see what we are producing. I may mention that the address is No. 77 Seachuen Road. I do not want to say too much about prospects, but it is my opinion that there are substantial profits to be made when the business is fully organized. It will never be on anything like the scale of the big concerns here, as we only compete in the better classes of hardwoods; therefore, our competition should not be felt by them to any extent. Doubtless, we shall have troubles in the beginning to pass through, but for the present the market should be good and prices satisfactory owing to the great demand from Japan consequent upon the recent earthquake.

## THE DRILLING MACHINERY.

You will have noticed in the auditor's report that they say: "We consider that after allowing for the reserve against same, sundry assets are stated in the balance sheet at figures in excess of their realizable value." It is of course impossible for me to say whether this opinion will prove to be correct or so much depends on the prices that the Asiatic Petroleum Company are able to secure for us for the drilling tools and machinery that we are delivering at San Pedro, and the first consignment to them has not yet arrived. Even if the result is not satisfactory, however, I wish to point out that we have valuable planting and timber concessions not mentioned in the accounts which should more than offset any difference that there may be. We have about 38,000 acres of good land, part of which we intend to reserve for our timber business and the balance we are willing to sell when a favourable opportunity occurs. You will remember that we had an offer last year for part of this land, but your directors decided that the price was too low. The prospective buyers were the Didi-Railway Company and it is still possible that we may be able to come to business with them, although they are out of the market for the present. It is not a good time to attempt to sell land suitable for rubber planting and we shall have to wait until the market improves for the raw material, but it is my opinion that we shall have our chance sooner or later.

There has been no drilling done on our Darat oil field and the Batuafche Petroleum Matchpapi have not mentioned to us that they intend to do any in the near future, but I believe they will still make an attempt to increase the output when circumstances are favourable for them to do so. The average daily production for the year under review was 21 tons as against 22 tons the year before.

## RUBBER PRODUCTIONS.

I do not think there is very much of interest that I can tell you about our rubber estates, but everything is going on well and our visiting agent's reports are highly satisfactory. The estimated production for the year is 960,000 lb., as against 975,000 lb. last year. Our manager intends to start tapping some of our young rubber of Pelawi 1, but the yield from this division of the estate for this year will not be of much importance, probably about 25,000 lb., which is included in the above mentioned estimate.

I do not think there is any necessity for anxiety about overtopping as we have gone into this question carefully with our manager, and our visiting agent has done the same. Bark renewal is excellent and it is considered that there is ample reserve. We are proceeding with the planting up of 1,000 acres as mentioned to you last year, and 245 acres will be planted up during the current year. The land has been carefully selected and the latest methods of planting will be employed so that this extension should form a very valuable reserve for the future.

The report and accounts as presented, were passed. The appointment of Mr. R. C. Triggs and Mr. R. S. F. McEwan as directors was confirmed and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

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## WHAT THE EXPERTS HAVE FOUND.

The two Committees of Experts appointed by the Reparation Commission have effectively destroyed the reports that Germany is a ruined nation, wrote a Paris correspondent last month to a London paper.

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It has also been shown how easy it would be to balance the German Budget by the imposition of proper taxes. Hitherto the German taxpayer has paid about one-fifth of the amount paid by a British subject of the same station in life, while the great industrialists have gone nearly scot-free.

The final proof of Germany's actual wealth comes from the Second Committee of Experts, that presided over by Mr. Reginald McKenna. Their report is not yet complete, but the Committee has proved as a result of the inspection of books of the great German banks that all the economists, including Mr. McKenna himself, had hopelessly undervalued the amount of German gold secreted abroad. In October, 1922, Mr. McKenna estimated the amount at £200,000,000.

The figures with which the Committee's report will deal range from £100,000,000 to £200,000,000. The first figure represents the actual value of German capital invested abroad, and the second that part of the value which could be converted sufficiently easily into liquid assets, and thus brought back to form a part of the internal wealth of Germany.

## FRANCE AND THE RUHR.

The French Government will put no obstacles in the way of a general settlement of those economic and financial guarantees in the Ruhr which are now administered by the Franco-Belgian Commission, provided that, as seems probable, the Experts' plan provides for other guarantees of value.

Similarly the French Government would not object to the existing Franco-Belgian Railway Regie in the Ruhr and the Rhineland handing over the control of its lines to the general German system which it is proposed to set up, providing that sufficient precautions are taken for the safety and transport of the Allied troops of occupation.

This economic evacuation does not imply military evacuation.

## RUBBER DIVIDENDS.

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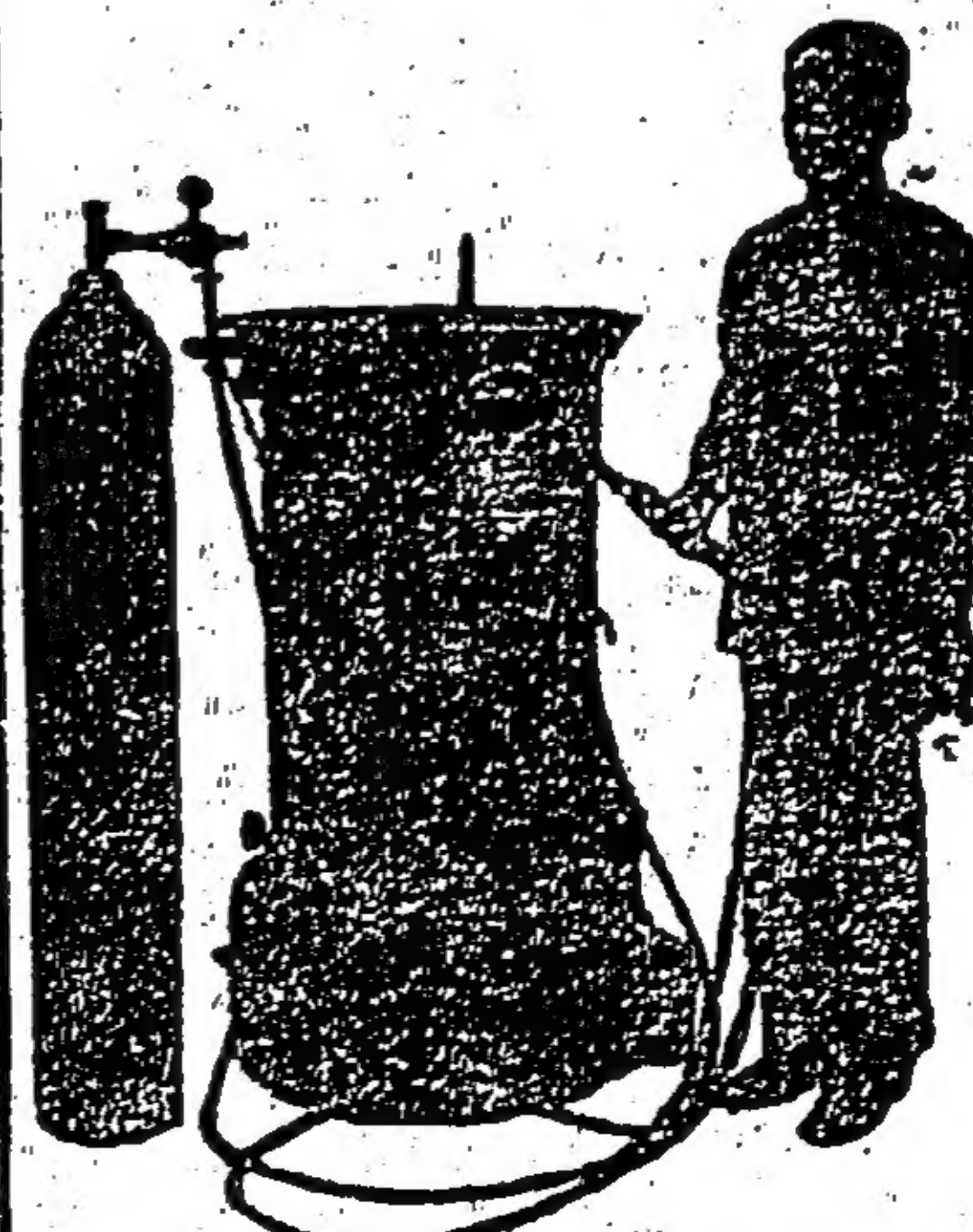
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## CARDSHARPERS IN LINERS.

ENGLISHMAN FROM THE FAR EAST  
LOSES £8,000.

Scotland Yard have been informed by Mr. Gatto, of Llanecost, Cornwall, that he was victimised to the extent of £8,000 by card-sharpers while returning to England from the Far East in the liner *Nurkunda*.

The men are believed to be international card-sharpers who will try to obtain admittance to England to fleece visitors to the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, says the *Daily Mail*.

Mr. Gatto states that the three men with whom he played left the boat at Marseilles, and told him that they would be going to London shortly and hoped to meet him there to give him an opportunity to obtain his revenge.

He had no suspicion up to then, but was told after the vessel left that the men were card-sharpers with an international reputation.

When he arrived in London he went to Scotland Yard, and was shown a number of photographs tabulated in the "rogues' gallery" which has been compiled to assist the police in keeping undesirable out of England while the British Empire Exhibition is in progress.

Some photographs of international crooks he identified as those of the men with whom he had played cards.

## A DINNER AT THE SOVIET MISSION.

The Rosta News Agency says:

Dr. Wang, Cheng-ting, Prof. Chiang Meng-ling, Mr. Haiang Hsi-ling (formerly Chairman of the Russian Famine Relief Committee), Senator Loi Yin, Messrs. Huang Kuang-su, Wang Pao-chen, Hu Nan-hu (M.P.), Professors Hu Shi-chih, Ma Shu-hin, Ku Meng-yu, Li Tashao (representatives of students' unions), and a number of Chinese prominent political and social leaders were guests at a dinner given in their honour by Mr. L. M. Karakhan at the Soviet Mission on the night of March 25th. Besides the Extraordinary Plenipotentiary Representative and J. C. Davtian, Councillor of the Mission, there were present Mr. Kuznetsov, 1st Secretary, Prof. Ignoffo, Mr. Rigin, and a number of other members of the Russian Soviet Mission here.

Proposing the health of Dr. Wang Cheng-ting, who was Director-General of Sino-Russian Negotiations, Mr. Karakhan laid stress that they had finally reached an agreement and that six months of work done in common in the interests of two great nations had yielded a definite positive result. For the Chinese people realised perfectly well to-day what were the real brotherly feelings towards it on the part of the people of the Soviet Republics. Those who are responsible for the present break-up, which, however, was but merely an outward failure, would soon—the Plenipotentiary Representative believed—realise that they must correct their mistake.

Replying to the toast of the Plenipotentiary Representative, and thanking him for the warm feelings expressed, Dr. C. T. Wang declared that he quite agreed with Mr. Karakhan that a definite, indeed a very important, result had been achieved: a basis had been laid for the settlement of the relations between China and the Union of Soviet Republics and the progress of the cause of closer union between the two great nations on the principles of thorough justice and reciprocity. The speaker expressed the hope that the Ministry, which has now been charged with the further handling of the situation, will direct its activities on these lines.

The dinner party, which proved to be a very pleasant one, was continued late into the night, and conversations exchanged between hosts and guests were permeated with utmost friendly and cordial feelings.

## THE "SHANGHAI TIMES" FIRE.

LOSS AND INSURANCE.

Investigations, says the *N.C. Daily News*, reveal that nearly £500,000 insurance was carried by the various tenants on the four floors, though just what the ratio between damaged goods and insurance is, it will require lengthy study by adjusters to ascertain.

Older Shanghai residents, adds our contemporary, will recall that this corner has been the scene of two serious outbreaks in the past 10 years. In 1915 the Hall & Holtz bakery was on the identical premises and when the flames were finally quenched, the building was in more or less the same condition as it now stands. The other occurred in the Eastern Garage in 1918. Now that the building is ruined, it is probable that the proposed widening of Soochow Road at this point and the extension of the Chapoo Road Bridge will be undertaken. Under the new building laws, the new structure to be built here must be of reinforced concrete, making a nearly fire-proof building, which can never be the scene of such a conflagration again.

Later, the writer adds, when the beams in the walls had burned themselves out, the walls remained standing. The roads were still blocked, however, but there seemed to be no immediate danger of the walls toppling in. It is thought the building will almost certainly have to be pulled down.

## SPORT.

### THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH PROGRAMME.

T. Honda, tennis champion of the Federated States of Malay, and Ng Sze Kyong, tennis champion of Hongkong, were to have met in the fourth round of the open singles of the Club tournament yesterday, but, much to the disappointment of lovers of the game, the rain interfered and the match had to be cancelled. If the weather improves it is hoped to play the match off this afternoon on the stand court. A soft court should favour Ng Sze Kyong.

It was originally intended to play off to-day a match in the open doubles between S. E. Green and T. Lay v. S. H. and S. D. Lam on the stand court. That match has been postponed until Thursday of next week.

The following other matches have been arranged for to-day:—

OPEN SINGLES.—H. D. Rumbach v. Yew Man Tsin.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.—R. E. Worthington v. G. W. Sewell.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.—C. D. Armstrong and D. J. Alfrey (+4/6) v. E. J. E. Mitchell and W. L. Thomas (+15); L. Forster and G. E. Aubrey (-2/6) v. M. M. Maas and A. B. Raworth (-3/6).

HANDICAP SINGLES.—B. J. B. Powell (+1/6) v. G. R. More (-3/6).

### CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI. v. K.C.C.

The following teams have been selected for the H.K.C.C. 1st XI. v. Kowloon C.C. match on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. on the Kowloon ground:—

H.K.C.C.—T. E. Pearce (capt.), Major W. Hattersley Smith, Rev. F. Purcell, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. T. B. Powell, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, E. G. Lammer, G. R. More, A. V. T. Dean, and D. R. Wahl.

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H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. R.A.M.C.

In this home match on Saturday at 2.15 p.m., Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI. will be composed of L. D. McNeill (capt.), E. C. Hagen, F. N. Young, H. Griffin, A. Vallack, A. K. Mackenzie, C. V. Mark, J. N. Owen, J. A. H. Plummer, D. H. F. McMaster, and J. E. Hancock.

EWO v. WAYFOONG.

The following team has been chosen to represent "Ewo" against "Wayfoong" on Saturday on the C.A.C. ground, Causeway Bay, at 2.15 p.m.:—G. H. Piercy (capt.), D. E. Cornaby, W. Galloway, G. H. Gompertz, H. E. Hollister, D. E. James, R. E. Macdonnell, W. W. Mackenzie, and N. L. H. Bailton.

### BUTTER FINGERS.

Now that declining February bids us begin to think again of the possibilities of cricket (writing a correspondent to the *Manchester Guardian*, we ought to take some cognisance of the bold action of the old cricket club of Cobham, in Kent, which has decided to inflict on its members a fine of a penny for every dropped catch. Are there any statistics on the subject? Are there other clubs which take this or similar means of bringing home to members the enormity of the missed catch? Or is Cobham in this matter? There may be some curmudgeons who will say that this is to take too serious a view of the game, but there is the obvious reply that Kent sportsmanship is above suspicion, and—why not? from time immemorial awards have been made for notable batting and bowling feats. There is the talent money earned by professionals; there are the inscribed bats and balls presented to amateurs by their admirers in recognition of outstanding feats. In many public schools a score of 50 in a school match earns a prize bat.

"If prices, why not fines? (Inquires our correspondent). We have been lamenting this for years the decadence of fielding in this country; we applaud the century-maker, but we gloss over the possibility that he owed his side more than a century when he went in to bat by his mistakes in the field. And Cobham has seized this is to take too serious a view of the game, but there is the obvious reply that Kent sportsmanship is above suspicion, and—why not? from time immemorial awards have been made for notable batting and bowling feats. There is the talent money earned by professionals; there are the inscribed bats and balls presented to amateurs by their admirers in recognition of outstanding feats. In many public schools a score of 50 in a school match earns a prize bat.

### GOLF.

BRITISH GOLFERS TO COMPETE FOR THE WALKER CUP.

At an important meeting of the County Union of Golf Clubs, held at York, it was decided to send a British team to America to compete for the Walker Cup.

## UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

SUCCESSFUL DAY IN THE RAIN.

The annual athletic sports of the Hongkong University took place at Pokfulam yesterday. Weather conditions were hardly favourable, there being a fine drizzle throughout the afternoon and low-lying mist which tended to throw a depressive atmosphere around everything outdoors. Nevertheless, the meeting was a success, and in addition to a good attendance—H.E. the Governor and Sir Claude Severn were there—a few new athletic records were put up. The prizes were presented by Lady Rees-Davies.

The officials responsible for the success of the meeting were:

Judges.—Col. B. A. Hill, Capt. A. E. Watts, Mr. H. B. L. Dwyer, Prof. F. A. Redmond and Rev. E. K. Quick.

Referee.—Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

Starter.—Mr. A. E. Dome.

Time Keepers.—Prof. J. L. Shellshear, Prof. W. Brown and Mr. D. W. Morley.

Stewards.—Prof. H. G. Earle, Prof. C. Y. Wang, Dr. J. Fenton, Mr. H. M. Soo, Prof. K. H. Dwyer, Mr. H. C. Lee, Mr. C. Z. Ma, Mr. Y. C. Teh and Prof. J. Anderson.

Clerks of the Course.—Prof. M. H. Roffey, Mr. W. M. Gittins and Mr. A. S. Hett.

Reception Committee.—Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mr. N. T. Mackintosh, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, Prof. C. A. M. Smith, Prof. W. J. Hinton, Mr. M. B. Osman, Mr. X. T. Khoo and Rev. J. Romanis Lee.

Sub-Committee.—Prof. L. Forster, Mr. A. H. Feawick, Mr. W. M. Gittins, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Mr. A. S. Hett, with Wong Tin Sik (Hon. Secretary).

Results:—

100 Yards.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, J. S. Guydar; 3, C. A. Peterson. Time: 11.1-secs.

Pole Jump.—1, A. Hoalim (May Hall); 2, Leong Hoe Yeng (Eliot Hall). Height: 8ft. 11ins. (a record jump, beating the last best by 2ins.).

220 Yards.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, C. A. Peterson; 3, J. S. Guydar. Time: 29-secs.

Half-Mile (Old Students' Cup).—1, L. Tagima; 2, A. Hoalim; 3, D. Laing. Time: 2mins. 11.2-secs. (record time, being 7 seconds better than the last best time).

Hurdles (120 Yards).—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, Chong Tuck Wing; 3, Leong Hoe Yeng. Time: 17.2-secs.

Old Students' Race (220 Yards Handicap).—1, Gittens; 2, Yu Man-Kwong. Time: 30-secs.

Putting the Weight (15lbs.).—1, S. C. Kwong; 2, Leong Hoe Yeng. Distance: 21ft. 5ins. (a record, being 10ins. further than the last best put).

440 Yards (Staff Cup).—1, H. Braga; 2, C. A. Peterson; 3, J. S. Guydar. Time: 29.3-secs.

Long Jump.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, Chong Tuck Wing; 3, Leong Hoe Yeng. Distance: 19ft. 1in.

Half-Mile (Open).—1, Bell; 2, Corvol.

High Jump.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, Chong Tuck Wing; 3, J. S. Guydar. Height: 5ft. 4ins.

Lady Undergraduate Race (100 Yards).—1, C. Grose; 2, E. Ho Tung.

One Mile (Prince of Wales Cup).—1, L. Tagima; 2, L. Tagima; 3, T. K. Fan. Time: 5mins. 6.2-secs.

Tug-of-War.—Morrison Hall.

Relay Race (team of 4).—1, Lugard Hall; 2, May Hall.

Hostel Championship.—1, Lugard Hall; 2, Morrison Hall.

Individual Championship.—1, S. O. Shahabudin; 2, Chong Tuck Wing.

## SHIP'S OFFICER COMMITS SUICIDE.

WHILE TEMPORARILY INSANE.

News has reached Hongkong of the death, at Canton, on Sunday last, of Mr. E. K. Vizer, who was Second Officer of the B. & S. steamer *Liancheng*. The deceased shot himself through the head with a revolver about 11.30 a.m., shortly after the ship had berthed. He was removed to the Canton Hospital, where he died about a quarter past seven the same night.

An inquest was held on board the next day, and a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was given. The deceased, who was quite a young man, was buried at Canton on Monday evening.

## PESTS OF WANCHAI.

A Chinese was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment by Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday for soliciting. Sergeant H. G. Hallum stated that he was proceeding along Queen's Road East in a ricksha on Tuesday night clothed in blue dungarees. Defendant stopped his ricksha, called, and invited witness to a house in Li Chek Street. Witness went, and at the foot of the stairs saw two Chinese girls, one of whom he recognised as a prostitute who often solicited in the Wanchai area. Witness thereupon arrested defendant.

Inspector Aris said that there was no record of previous convictions against the defendant, but pointed out that, in the view of the police, these "male solicitors" were responsible for most of the trouble the authorities had in regard to prostitution around Praya East. Inspector Cotton, added Inspector Aris, had frequently attempted to arrest these solicitors, but had been unable to do so because he (Inspector Cotton) was so well known in the district.

## HONGKONG QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

FOUNDING OF THE "LOONG SANG."

In February Capt. W. Benn asked the President of the Board of Trade whether the circumstances of the founding of the *Loong Sang* during a typhoon at Hongkong on August 15th last year, when 13 lives were lost, have been brought to his notice; whether he is aware that the vessel at the time of the typhoon had no rudder; that her cables were under standard, and that, according to the evidence at the official inquiry, into the circumstances of the disaster, of Mr. Robert Hall, Government marine surveyor, who surveyed the vessel in July of last year, the cables of the ship were not of the standard prescribed by Lloyd's, and in some lengths were bad; that she had no steam raised owing to her boilers being opened up for survey, and that in this condition she was ordered out of the dock and placed at anchorage in Kowloon Bay when the typhoon warnings had already been hoisted; and whether the Board of Trade will take the necessary steps to prevent similar occurrences in future whereby not only ships but officers and crews are exposed to great peril?

Mr. Alexander (written answer): The circumstances attending the loss of the *Loong Sang* were investigated by a Marine Court of Inquiry in Hongkong in September last, the Court including three masters of British merchant ships. The Court found that the moving of this vessel out to a typhoon anchorage with a sufficient crew on board to work her cables was a proper and practical procedure, and one customary to the port of Hongkong when a ship is in the dockyard's hand opened up for survey. The Court did not consider that the *Loong Sang's* cables were dangerously thin. They recommended that several heavy typhoon moorings should be laid in Kowloon Bay with sufficient chain attached for ships to lay with. The Board of Trade were informed in December that the Hongkong Government was acting on those recommendations, and that some 12 typhoon moorings would be laid in the harbour before the next typhoon season.

## PIRACY IN CHINESE WATERS.

On March 3rd Mr. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Colonies, answering Sir Kingsley Wood (Woolwich, W.), who asked whether his attention had been drawn by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild to recent piratical attacks on British ships trading in Chinese waters; whether he was aware that the lack of precautions against such attacks had aroused much adverse comment amongst British subjects engaged in trade in China; whether the circumstances of the latest case, that of the British registered vessel *Hydrangea*, had been laid before him; and, if so, what steps were being taken in dealing with this serious menace to life and property, said:—

The Governor of Hongkong drew the attention of my predecessor to the case of the *Hydrangea*, on which I am asking for a detailed report with recommendations. A Commission appointed in 1922 reported that piracy can never be effectively prevented until public order is firmly established in the neighbouring Chinese territories. This Commission did not advise that wireless apparatus should be made compulsory by the Piracy Regulations either upon river steamers or (with one dissentient) upon ocean steamers.

## THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

SEVENTEEN DEFENDANTS AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Seventeen Chinese were charged before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday with contravening the Opium Ordinance. The charges included unlawful possession of raw and prepared opium, the possession of a false Government label, and the smoking of the drug.

The most interesting case concerned a raid made by R. O. Brown on an opium divan on Austin Road. The divan, said the Revenue Officer, was an elaborate one. As its entrance was posted a cooie in charge of a bell, which he sounded whenever anyone went into the house. This cooie was paid 30 cents a day to look after the bell. When the Revenue official entered the house the cooie caused the bell to ring and then looted R. O. Brown immediately ran up two flights of stairs and discovered six Chinese in the divan. One, in the dock, admitted that he was the leader, and two others admitted that they were smoking opium. The other men denied smoking, but agreed that they were in the room. One of these had a good excuse. He was looking after his brother, who was in the room, and who was lame. This defendant was discharged. The others were fined.

## NO MEMORY FOR DETAILS.

A Chinese who was charged before Mr. Lindsell with being in illegal possession of opium, when confronted with a previous conviction, airily replied, "Oh, I know nothing about that!" The Magistrate jogged defendant's memory, informing him what the charge was and how much he was fined. Eventually defendant admitted the conviction, and was forthwith fined, altogether, \$200.



## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE JUSTICE JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE COMPERT).]

## THE LANTAO MURDER CASE.

STORY OF A TIGER ON LANTAO ISLAND.

The hearing was resumed yesterday morning of the case in which a young Lantao woman is charged with murdering her husband by poisoning him.

The mother of the deceased, recalled, was asked by the acting Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.) if the earthenware pot was cracked on the day that the deceased died from the effects of poisonous leaves, traces of which, the prosecution alleged, were found in the pot. The woman said it was not.

The Attorney-General: What the prisoner said at the Magistrate's was this: "We started cooking our own meals, but my mother-in-law came and broke our earthenware cooking pot. She would not allow us to cook our own rice." Is that true?

The witness: That is not true. I live in a different house and she took her own rice.

In reply to further questions witness emphatically denied the prisoner's accusation that the son was murdered by her husband, and that the witness then accused the deceased of doing the foul deed.

Questioned by the Justice Judge as to poisonous leaves, gelsemium elegans, the witness said that they were not used in Chinese medicine.

His Lordship: Does it poison goats?—It cannot poison goats or pigs.

That is why you used goat's blood (as an antidote)?—Yes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Campbell Prosser, witness contended that it was the custom of the natives to arrange their system of work according to agricultural seasons of the year, and that at certain times of the year they came home for their mid-day meal and at other times they had their meals in the fields.

Mr. Prosser: Why was the village deserted practically at mid-day on March 12th?—The villagers were probably looking after their cattle in the hills; there was a tiger about.

His Lordship: Hardly an attraction to stay in the hills.

Later Mr. Prosser asked: Do you know a man who is nicknamed "Wong"?—Yes.

Are you fond of him?—There is no reason why I should be fond of him, or why I should not. I am getting old and he is willing to become my son.

Is he living in the village now?—Yes, but he works away.

Did he live for some time as man and wife with the widow of your other adopted son?—Yes.

Your husband is wrong when he says that no man lived with her?—He must have mistaken your question.

Witness, further questioned, emphatically asserted that she had heard the prisoner say that she intended to poison her husband. On the day of the quarrel she saw the prisoner turn up her eyes in contempt at the deceased.

Mr. Prosser: Showed spirit, eh?

Do you keep any of this poisonous plant in your house or have you ever done so?—It is never used. It is poisonous.

Do you know anybody who does?—No, even in the hills they dare not go near it because it has a smell which makes people grow hot.

Does it grow in various places, or in one place on the island?—Everywhere in the hills.

She further stated that she saw the prisoner coming back from the fields shortly after 9 a.m. and that she saw her going out again from her house at 12.10 p.m. on the day of the tragedy.

Mr. Prosser: I suggest that the prisoner never cooked her mid-day meal on 28th January?—That is not true. I saw her come back.

Do you know whether she had her mid-day meal with her husband?—I don't know. I questioned her and she told me she had some cold rice and her husband took noodles.

You did not actually see her cook this meal?—I did not see her actually cook the meal with my own eyes, but my son told me.

At the request of His Lordship, Dr. Minnett was recalled. Referring to his evidence in chief, Dr. Minnett was asked if he could confirm that he had stated that he could not say definitely whether death was due to other than natural causes.

Dr. Minnett confirmed the Judge's note.

AN OVERWORKED GOVERNMENT SERVANT.

In reply to the Attorney-General, Dr. Minnett said that on the day of the post-mortem examination on the deceased's body he held post-mortem on 11 others.

Mr. Prosser: I do not know the reason for Mr. Pollock's question, but if it is to show that you are overworked, I must say that you have my sympathy, Dr. Minnett.

"The real object of a post-mortem examination," asked Mr. Prosser, "is to look for causes other than natural causes?"

Dr. Minnett: The real object is to give a true account of what you see and find. If you can't find it—Then you say so to the Coroner.

That means that vital parts like the heart, brain, spinal cord have to be carefully examined?—Yes.

You do not interfere with the stomach?—No, that is not fair to the analyst, because the learned barrister might suggest that we put it in.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

## MR. G. T. EDKINS RETIRES.

OVER 30 YEARS IN THE FAR EAST.

Mr. G. T. Edkins, who has been manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's Hongkong Office for the past twelve years, leaves for home to-day on retirement, after over 30 years of service for his firm in the Far East.

Mr. Edkins came to China in 1892 to join the Shanghai office of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and remained in Shanghai for eight years. Afterwards he served in the Tientsin, Hankow, and Nanking offices of the firm. In Tientsin Mr. Edkins took a great interest in the work of the Conservancy Board and did much to bring about schemes for the improvements at Taku bar. He was posted to Hongkong in the year 1908 as No. 2. On the transfer of Mr. E. F. Mackay to Shanghai Mr. Edkins was promoted to second in charge of the Hongkong firm, and in 1912 he became local manager in succession to Mr. D. R. Law, and for a matter of 12 years he has controlled the local interests of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's prosperous concerns in this Colony, which include: The Taikoo Dockyard, the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, and the China Navigation Company. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire are also agents for the well-known Blue Funnel line, and for several well-known insurance companies. Mr. Edkins has been intimately connected with the growth of Taikoo Dockyard, which was first started in 1912, the year when he first arrived from the North.

In the public affairs of the Colony he has taken a prominent part, especially as a member of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, of which he was Chairman in 1916. He has served on the General Committee of the Chamber for many years and, as Chairman of the Shipping Sub-Committee, he has taken a great interest in harbour improvements and schemes for the development of the Port. In 1922 he sat with the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen on the private commission set up to enquire into the seamen's strike of that year. Mr. Edkins has represented the Chamber on the Finance Committee of the Hongkong University for several years, and had a seat on the University Council. He has also been a member of the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and was Chairman of the Bank in 1921. It may also be recalled that he served on the Executive Committee appointed to arrange for the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Hongkong in the spring of 1922. Altogether the Colony has been greatly indebted to him for much valuable public service, and it is scarcely necessary to add that he leaves with the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. Edkins has been prominently identified with the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Helena May Institute, and with Church and other philanthropic work in the Colony and will be greatly missed.

During the past week Mr. Edkins has been given a number of private "farewells," including a tiffin party at the Hongkong Club, which was attended by many of the leading Government officials and business men of the City. Yesterday morning he was the recipient of a handsome silver loving cup and an illuminated list of the signatures of the office staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and bearing the following inscription: "From Taikoo friends in Hongkong, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Edkins long life and happiness in their retirement."

The presentation was made by Mr. G. M. Young who now succeeds Mr. Edkins as head of the firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in Hongkong.

Mr. and Mrs. Edkins, who leave by the *Empress of Russia* this morning, will spend some time in Canada on their way home and later they hope to spend the winter at Malta with their daughter, Mrs. A. D. Nicholl, and her husband, Lieut. Nicholl, R.N., who is serving at Malta with the Mediterranean Fleet.

At this stage his Lordship intimated that the questions were irrelevant, and would not allow Mr. Prosser to proceed. Deceased's aunt gave evidence that she was present when the poisonous leaves were found in the pot. She did not know where Wong was on the 28th January. He was not at their house on the 24th or 25th of that month.

Mr. Prosser (cross-examining): Had he ever been away from the house for so long a period before?

The witness: He was working at various places; how can I tell?

Do you know why he came to live at No. 25?—He was invited to No. 25 by the prisoner's husband (deceased).

Did the prisoner attend a feast given by the elders of the village? I put it that she was not invited?—She was; and, moreover, the dinner was held in her own house.

Was every member of the family in the village invited?—Not everyone; only a few of the elders. I am the aunt and even if I was not invited I would have gone.

On the point of who cooked the meals for deceased, witness said that on the day of his death prisoner cooked his meals, but usually he cooked his own.

His Lordship: If he cooked his own meal; who cooked his wife's?

The witness: Her husband did.

The Court rose at 4.10 p.m., his Lordship announcing that the hearing would be resumed at 11 a.m. to-day. It was also arranged that the Court should assemble at 10 a.m. on Friday, when, his Lordship said, it was hoped the case would be finished. The case for the Crown is not yet closed. Several more witnesses have yet to be called.

## IMPRISONED IN A CAPSIZED JUNK.

EXCITING INCIDENT ON THE HARBOUR.

TWELVE PERSONS RESCUED: ONE DROWNED.

Thanks to a very smart bit of work by the Water Police assisted by the coxswain and his folk of a public motor boat, and the crew of the Naval mooring lighter, twelve boat people were saved from drowning yesterday afternoon in the harbour, close to the Kowloon Naval Camber. One child was drowned.

A junk, containing 13 people, capsized in a squall close to the Kowloon Naval Camber at 1 p.m. and turned turtle, throwing eight of the boat people into the water while the remaining five were imprisoned in the cabins in the aft part of the vessel. The public motor boat was the first to arrive on the scene and succeeded in picking up three of the people in the water. Police launch No. 6, with Sergeants Sabey and Stewart on board, was also in the vicinity and rushed to the assistance of the drowning persons. When they arrived the junk was on her starboard side and sinking rapidly. There were pitiful cries for help from the imprisoned people in the cabin. Acting with great promptitude Sergeants Sabey and Stewart, with the assistance of their Chinese crew, stove a hole in the side of the sinking craft with axes from the police launch, and rescued four of the five terror-stricken and half-drowned people.

In the meantime, the crew of the Naval mooring lighter close at hand had rescued three others from the water. Two more, seen clinging to the junk's dinghy, were taken on board the police launch.

With the assistance of the Naval authorities the sinking junk was hauled alongside the mooring lighter and then righted on an even keel. In one of the water-logged cabins was found the body of a child, aged two years.

The junk was towed ashore at Cheung Sha Wan where she now lies with four members of the crew on board. The remainder of the twelve spent the night at the Water Police Station where they were cared for.

Three of the people were badly cut about the head, but they stolidly refused to go to hospital for treatment, preferring to be patched up at the Police Station.

## ANOTHER JUNK SUNK.

A junk laden with bricks became water-logged off Stonecutters last evening and sank. Fortunately, no lives were lost.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

QUARRY BAY SCHOOL SITE CHOSEN.

A meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Building, yesterday, Mr. G. N. Orme (Director of Education) presiding. Also present were: The Inspector of English Schools (Mr. E. Ralphs), the Inspector of Vernacular Schools (Mr. A. R. L. D. O.B.E., Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Dr. A. D. Hickling, M.B.E., Mr. N. T. Mackintosh, Mr. U. Ramiah, Dr. Wan Man Kai, Mr. E. Wylie, Mr. M. E. F. Airey, Rev. F. H. Valtorta, Capt. A. E. Waite, and Mr. G. P. de Martin (honorary secretary).

THE NEW SCHOOL AT QUARRY BAY.

The Director of Education announced that a site for the new school at Quarry Bay had been definitely chosen. It was considered to be the best site in the locality, and he wished to assure the Board that he would push on with the new school as energetically as he could. (Applause.)

THE TEACHING OF STENOGRAPHY.

The only other business of public interest transacted comprised two questions by Mr. N. T. Mackintosh, who asked: (1) In what Government Schools is stenography included in the curriculum? and (2) In what Grant-in-Aid Schools is stenography included in the curriculum, and at what hours is it taught?

The Director of Education replied: (1) Stenography is not taught in any Government Schools, and (2) Stenography is taught at St. Joseph's College as part of the curriculum. At other Grant-in-Aid Schools the subject is taught out of school hours and is not considered as included in the curriculum of these schools.

## "SOLD A PUP."

When Loi Kai Chun, the owner of 57, Queen's Road Central, was charged before Mr. Hamilton at the Magistrate's yesterday in respect of contravention of the Building Ordinance, he protested that the fault was not his. He blamed his contractor, to whom he left full control of the building of the house. "You have," remarked his Worship, "evidently been sold a pup," and in finding defendant \$60 Mr. Hamilton advised him to deduct the amount from the contractor's bill.

## ARMED ROBBERY AT TAIPO.

The police have received information of an armed robbery which took place at 39, Ta Tin Yan, on Monday night. One of the robbers had a revolver. Money and clothing valued at around \$50 were taken. No arrests have yet been made.

## ST. ANDREW'S FETE.

YESTERDAY'S FUNCTION AT KOWLOON.

St. Andrew's fete and bazaar held yesterday afternoon in the St. Andrew's Church Hall and grounds, at Kowloon, were not favoured with weather conditions conducive to success. The drizzle of the morning and the freshening breeze of the afternoon, accompanied by further fitful drizzles, must have been disappointing to the hard-working band of organisers who had spared no pains to make the fete a brilliant one. Still the event was carried through to a successful issue despite the opposition of the elements, and it is pleasing to record that the fete did not lack patronage especially in the evening when large crowds invaded the grounds and hall where they had all the fun of the fair and bought freely of the articles offered for sale.

The fete was opened by Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., who was introduced to the gathering by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Lindsay). After referring to the weather conditions the Commodore said that it had been the intention of Lady Stubbs to be present at the event, but her engagement in the North had prevented her Ladyship from doing so. They had all learned with regret that Lady Stubbs was laid up in Shanghai and he expressed the hope that she would soon be well enough to proceed to Hongkong. The Commodore hoped the fete and sale of work would be a great success.

One of the most attractive stalls in the hall was that containing a wide selection of second-hand books and periodicals. This stall was besieged by purchasers and not a few treasures of literature were sold at ridiculously cheap prices. Even before the fete was opened the energetic workers in charge of the stall had done quite a lot of business.

The fruit and flower stall in the centre of the hall had a delightful display of blooms and flowers, whilst the plain and fancy stall, well stocked with all kinds of knitting, crocheted work, etc., did a roaring trade. Other stalls were The Pound Stall, and Sweets and Confectionery. These also were well patronised.

Outside, the arrangements were somewhat interfered with, but the side shows, such as the lipituan cinema, hoopla, the children's fishpond, the chutes, coconut-hits, etc., were extremely popular. During the afternoon an entertainment was given by the girls of the Diocesan Girls' School and in the evening there was an excellent musical entertainment in the hall, the programme being provided by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Mrs. Mathison, Mrs. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Collett, Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, Mr. West, Prof. Gonzales and the Rev. G. W. Arrowsmith. The accompaniment was Mr. T. A. Martin. The band of the East Surrey Regiment was in attendance during the afternoon.

The proceeds are in aid of the St. Andrew's Church Fund. This notice would be incomplete without a compliment to the very attractive programme issued for the fete, the cover of which was designed by Mrs. Arrowsmith.

The stall holders were as follows:—

Plain and fancy work (Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. White, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Roy); books and periodicals (Mrs. Hays, Mr. Elliott and Mrs. Vickers); fruit, flowers and produce (Misses Arrowsmith, Arnold, Lamont, Mellon and Herridge); "at the cheapest price" (Mrs. James, Purves, Owen, Bailey and Edwards); sweets and confectionery (Messrs. A. W. Smith, Ralston, Nash and Wallace).

## AN IMPERIAL STUDENTS' CONFERENCE.

The Secretary of the National Union of Students of the Universities and Colleges of England and Wales, writing from the Imperial College Union, St. Kensington, S.W., to the Hongkong University, says:—

"At a recently held meeting of the Council of the National Union of Students, it was decided to organise if possible an Imperial Students' Conference in 1924, advantage being taken of the fact that numbers of students from various parts of the Empire may be expected to visit the British Empire Exhibition. Therefore, I should be glad if you would inform me if it is possible for your Union or Students' Council to be represented. A date suggested is during the first or second week in July.

"The students of this country are very keen on the idea, and to facilitate matters, we are approaching the Shipping Companies with a view to their granting a limited number of free passages to representative students from each country of the Empire with reduced fares for others. Should we obtain this concession the rest should be plain sailing, but for the present I cannot give definite information.

"The general outline of the programme suggested is as follows:—

(a) Reception. Inaugural Session and Entertainment in London including organised visits to the British Empire Exhibition.

(b) Conference. Discussions of matters of student interest and importance probably in one of the Oxford Colleges.

"Other suggestions will no doubt be made as time goes on. In the meantime, I should be glad to hear definitely from you as to the opinion of your Committee."

(Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh, Registrar of the Hongkong University, says he has no information as to the free passage suggested, but in any case he imagines that the incidental expenses of living, etc., in England would be prohibitive for most of the Hongkong students—unless some philanthropist puts up the money.)

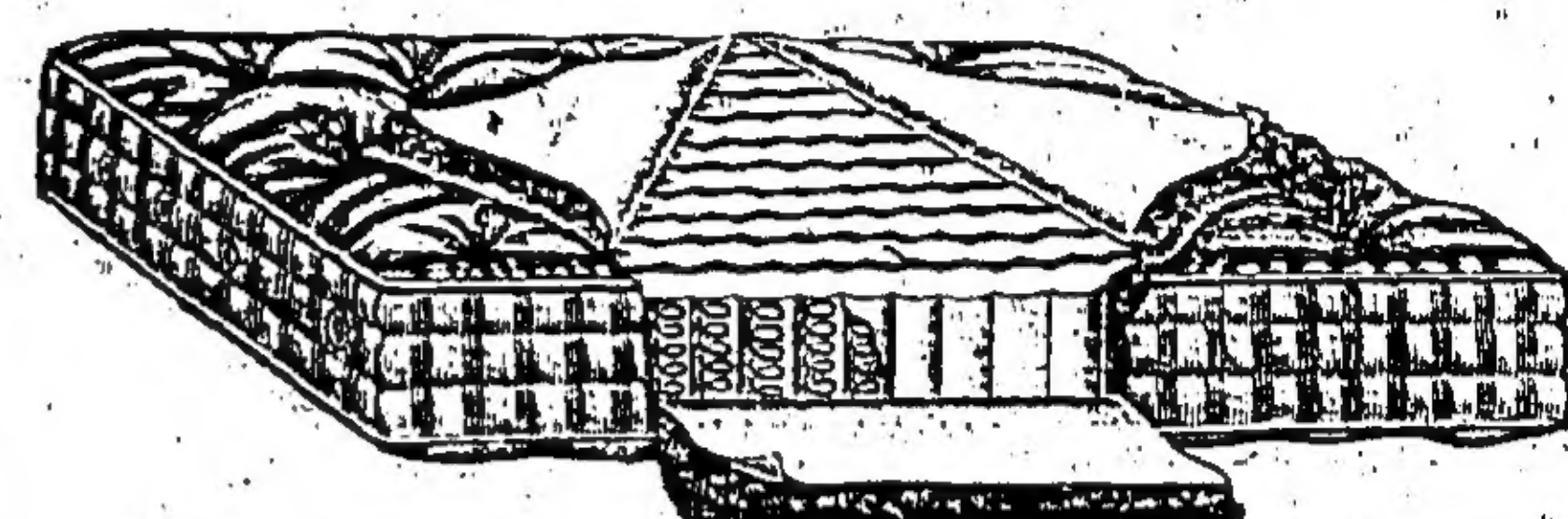
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E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Capt. Supt. of Police.  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1924. [580]

## PEARL CLUB.

FORTNIGHTLY DANCES IN APRIL

will be held on

FRIDAY 11th APRIL

SATURDAY 12th APRIL

at 9.15 P.M.

E. B. C. HORNELL.

Hon. Secretary.

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## NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 8, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 11th APRIL, 1924, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 11th April, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. BOND,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1924. [583]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms to the SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on the 10th and 11th APRIL (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, HONGKONG CLUB and CATERWAY RAY STALLS.

Patrons Close on Saturday, 3rd April, 1924. [584]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, SPALATO, PORT SAID, MASSAUA, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2nd instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 18th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOWLING.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1924. [581]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1924. [580]

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Business of Share and General Brokers heretofore carried on by the Underwriter at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, under the Style or Firm of WRIGHT AND COMPANY, is now being carried on by the Style or Firm of WRIGHT AND COMPANY, at the same place, and the same business.

The Change of Name involves No Change in the constitution of the Firm, which will be continued as before.

F. WRIGHT,

K. ABRAHAM.

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## NOTICE.

WE, the Underwriter HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that we have resumed Business as Share and General Brokers under the Style or Firm of WRIGHT AND COMPANY, at the same place, and the same business.

The Change of Name involves No Change in the constitution of the Firm, which will be continued as before.

J. P. WRIGHT,

T. W. HORNBY.

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## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

FROM TO-DAY'S Date our Office has been REMOVED to the New A.P.C. BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, BLAIR & CO.

1st April, 1924. [573]

## HONGKONG FORESHORE ASSOCIATION.

IT has been Proposed to form a HONGKONG FORESHORE ASSOCIATION. All those interested are requested to meet at No. 2, QUEEN'S BUILDING (Ground Floor), opposite STAN FERRY, on FRIDAY, APRIL 11th, at 9 P.M.

GULA KALUMPONG RUBBER ESTATE, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1924, to FRIDAY, the 11th APRIL, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order,

LOWE, BINGHAM &amp; MATTHEWS,

Colonial Register.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1924. [540]

## HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

## NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHAW, TAYLOR & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of APRIL, 1924, at 12:00 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of the accounts for the Half-year ended on the 31st December, 1923, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 10th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

S. COURTNEY COOK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1924. [565]

SALE OF R.I.M.S. "HARDINGE" AND "NORTHBROOK."

SEALED TENDERS will be received in India by the Director of the Royal Indian Marine, Bombay, in England by the Secretary of State for India, London, and in the Far East by the Commander H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong, up to 30th APRIL 1924, for the purchase of the Royal Indian Marine Troopships "HARDINGE" and "NORTHBROOK," with all Stores and Fittings that are on board on that Date, lying at their moorings in Bombay Harbour.

## PARTICULARS OF R.I.M.S.

## "HARDINGE"

About 5,407 tons gross and 3,005 tons registered. Built under supervision of Naval Architect and Engineer to Secretary of State for India by Messrs. FAIRFIELD ENGINEERING AND SHIPBUILDING CO., Scotland, in 1900. Twin Screw Triple Expansion Engine by Messrs. FAIRFIELD ENGINEERING CO. L.P. Cylinder 29-inch diameter; M.P. Cylinder 45-inch diameter; L.P. Cylinder 72-inch diameter; Stroke 48-inch; Trial L.H.P. 9,300; Trial Speed 19 knots; 4 Double ended and One Single ended Cylindrical Bunkers. Designed Water Pressure 120 lbs. Bunker Capacity about 1,200 tons; Water Ballast about 637 tons; Fresh Water about 175 tons; 24 Officers' Cabins; 551st class Berths; 9 2nd class Berths; Troop Accommodation 1,000 British or 1,503 Indian; Capacity of Hold about 17,280 cubic feet; Height between Decks 8 feet; Dimensions about 423 feet by 51 feet by 28 feet 11 inches. Vessel was extensively refitted in 1920-1921 and fitted with New Boilers in England in 1923.

## PARTICULARS OF R.I.M.S.

## "NORTHBROOK"

About 5,047 tons gross and 2,971 tons registered. Built at Clydebank, Scotland, in 1906, by Messrs. J. & W. Brown & Co., Ltd., and under supervision of Naval Architect and Engineer to Secretary of State for India. Twin Screw Triple Expansion Engines by Messrs. JOHN BROWN & CO., LTD. Trial L.H.P. 7,000; Trial Speed 16 knots; 2 Double ended and 2 Single ended Cylindrical Bunkers. Designed Water Pressure 120 lbs. Bunker Capacity about 905 tons; Water Ballast about 635 tons; Fresh Water about 130 tons; 25 Officers' Cabins; 43 3rd class Berths; Troop Accommodation 800 British or 1,200 Indian; Capacity of Hold (two) about 27,400 cubic feet; Height between Decks 8 feet; Dimensions about 374 feet by 52 feet 6 inches by 29 feet. Vessel was extensively refitted in 1920 and Boilers refitted in 1921.

The above Vessels were put out of Commission in 1923, and at that time were in good Repair and Running Order, having been kept in high state of efficiency to that date. They are suitable for conversion to Passenger and Emigrant Trading.

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The Purchasers or their Representatives must remove the Vessels from the Government's moorings at their own expense and risk within 2 Calendar Months from Date of Acceptance of Tender. Pending such removal, vessels will remain at moorings at risk of Purchasers.

The Balance of the Purchase Money must be paid by the Successful Tenderer within One Calendar Month from Date of Acceptance of Tender and before Vessels are removed from moorings. If Balance is not paid and Vessels are not removed by Purchasers or their Representatives within the time specified, the Deposit of 10% accompanying Tender will be liable to forfeiture for the benefit of the Crown and Vessels will be Resold.

The Director of the Royal Indian Marine does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Applications to view the Vessels may be made to the Commander of the Yard, Royal Indian Marine Dockyard, Bombay, and further particulars may be obtained from the Director of the Royal Indian Marine.

EDWARD HEADLAM,

Captain, R.I.M.

Director of R.I.M. Dockyard, Bombay.

March, 1924. [560]

## INTIMATIONS

## DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE

FOR

CHINA, JAPAN, ETC., 1924 EDITION.

THE First 300 Copies of the Hongkong Issue of "THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY" for CHINA, JAPAN, etc., for 1924, are NOW READY.

It will expedite delivery if those Subscribers who can do so will send for their Copies to the Town Office of "The Hongkong Daily Press," 14, Chater Road (3rd floor) at Any Time after 9 A.M. TO-DAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FRANK RONALD SMYTH has as from the FIRST DAY of APRIL, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Four, been admitted as a PARTNER in the Firm of VERNON AND SMYTH carrying on Business as Sharebrokers at 4, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and that the Firm of which the Partners now are ROBERT THOMAS MATTHEWS and FRANK RONALD SMYTH will continue to carry on Business as heretofore under the Style of "VERNON AND SMYTH."

Dated the 1st day of April, 1924.

VERNON &amp; SMYTH,

4, Des Vaux Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong.

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

MR. G. P. CURRY having retired from the Company's service, on completion of his agreement, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. L. J. BLACKBURN, the Resident Engineer, has been appointed, as from this Date, to hold all Powers pertaining to the Office of Local Secretary.

(Signed) JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., Local Agents.

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## ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

MONDAY, APRIL 7th, at 5.30 P.M.

MR. HARRY OWEN GRAND

Piano-forte Recital.

AND

MRS. R. SANGER, PROF. CONZALEZ.

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TICKETS AND DONATIONS.

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## PUBLIC DINNER.

SIR WILLIAM REES DAVIES, K.C.

IT is proposed that a DINNER should be given by the FOREIGN COMMUNITY in honour of the Departing CHIEF JUSTICE at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, at 8 P.M.

Gentlemen wishing to be present should notify on or before 5th APRIL, their intention to COLOVEL ROBERTSON, HONGKONG CLUB, who will supply all Particulars.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1924. [542]

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Hongkong, 29th March, 1924. [562]

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## SOLE AGENTS

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

BIRTH. DA ROZA.—At No. 2, Minden Villas, Kowloon, on April 2nd, 1924, Mrs. C. A. DA ROZA, a daughter. [585]

## MARRIAGES.

MITCHELL.—High.—At Shanghai, on March

24th, JEAN HIGH, to CHARLES MITCHELL, both of Arbroath, Scotland.

WEALL.—High.—At St. Saviour's, West-

gate-on-Sea, on March 1st, by Rev. G. Tait, vicar of Meopham, assisted by Rev. C. Pendock Banks, vicar of St. Saviour's, THOMAS GRAHAM, son of the late Mr. JOHN WEALL, of Watford, to MARY IDA, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. REECE, of Westgate, and formerly of Hongkong.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road. London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 3rd, 1924.

## THE POWERS AND A NEW POLICY TOWARDS CHINA.

GREAT prominence has been given in a Shanghai paper to a report it had received from Peking to the effect that the American, British and Japanese Ministers have been entrusted with the task of instituting investigations in the provinces with a view to the formation by the Powers of a new policy in dealing with the Chinese Government.

Colour is lent to the report by the fact that the American Minister recently made an extensive tour, calling not only on the American Consulates in many parts of China, but also upon Dr. SUN YAT SEN at Canton, Marshal WU PEI-FU at Loyang, and Marshal CHANG TSO-LIN at Mukden. Soon after Dr. SCHURMAN's return to Peking, Sir RONALD MACLEAY, the British Minister, left the Capital on a tour, not quite so extensive as that of the American Minister, but one which included a call on Marshal WU PEI-FU at Loyang, as well as on the Defence Commissioner at Nanking. Sir RONALD MACLEAY did not come further South than Shanghai, and the announced object of the visit was to fulfil a promise to attend the formal opening of the new offices of the N.C. Daily News. Not

until now has it been suggested that this was a tour of investigation made in the circumstances indicated in the Peking message under consideration. To proceed it is now announced that the Japanese Minister is about to undertake a tour which will embrace Hankow, Shanghai, Canton, Dulay and Mukden. The rumour is that these three Ministers will prepare a report with a view to the adoption by the Powers represented at Peking of "a more drastic policy" in their dealings with the Chinese Government in view of that Government's failure to meet loan obligations and to suppress banditry in the provinces. It is a consummation that is devoutly wished in the foreign communities in China, and we suspect the wish to be father to the thought expressed in this Peking message. At all events, there is no obvious reason why the Ministers should personally tour China to learn of the Government's delinquencies. They have their Consulates which are constantly furnishing reports of local conditions and they are perfectly well acquainted with the fact that China is over-ridden by banditry, that treaty rights and obligations are being constantly violated, that there has been failure on the part of the Chinese Government to meet its obligations under several loan contracts, and that, altogether, a formidable indictment could be presented against the present administration in China. It was certainly not necessary for Ministers to make tours of the country in order to become familiar with all this, but we can quite appreciate the fact that their interviews with various men of great influence in the provinces in the course of their tours, added much of interest to the store of their knowledge of the situation in China. When we say that this rumour from Peking fits in with popular sentiment among the foreign communities in China we have particularly in mind the resolution passed unanimously by the Associated British Chambers of Commerce at their Conference in Shanghai last February, in which they expressed the hope that, pending ratification of the Nine Powers' Customs Treaty by all the Powers concerned, the Surtax Conference will be preceded at an early date by joint consideration and decision by the Powers of their policy towards China. To anyone acquainted with existing conditions in China, and who realises that they are steadily growing worse, such a step by the Powers seems to be imperatively necessary, but whatever possibility there may be of it being taken, we do not recognise that these tours by Ministers were designed with that object expressly in view.

A passenger train service between Canton and Sheklung has been suspended owing to the rolling stock being required for the transport of military supplies.

Mr. G. M. Young has been appointed a Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the place of Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, who is bidding farewell to the Colony to-day.

Mr. James C. Fell, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs., who left estate of £25,000, bequeathed one-third to the China Island Mission. He desired that any missionary connected therewith, when on furlough, shall preach at least one Sunday in the Methodist Church, Warrington Street, Dukinfield.

A memorial window to Capt. R. F. Scott was unveiled in Emmanuel Parish Church, Exeter, on March 1st, by Capt. E. R. G. Evans, D.S.O., R.N., who was Capt. Scott's second-in-command on the last voyage in the *Terra Nova*, who is well-known in the Far East, as having been in command of H.M.S. *Carlsberg* on this station.

The disappearance of Mr. A. Bennett, of the Eastern Telegraph Co.'s staff at Singapore, was causing much anxiety to his friends last week as though the police had searched diligently no trace of his whereabouts had been discovered. Mr. Bennett had recently returned from a visit to the United States and Europe. He was in poor health and troubled with insomnia.

The marriage has taken place at Home of Mr. T. G. Weall, who has been in the Far East for nearly twenty years, and is well-known in Hongkong, and Shanghai in connection with Dewar & Co., Ltd. His bride is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. REECE, of Westgate, and formerly of Hongkong. Mr. Weall is expected to return to Hongkong in the autumn.

A comparison made by the Ministry of War shows that China had 900,000 soldiers in 1917, while this year she has, according to "official reports," 1,200,000, states the *Eastern Times*. The latter number does not include the troops independent of Peking or those that have been recruited by the war lords' permission. Who then can estimate the total number of men under arms in China?

The transfer of Mr. F. W. Carey, Commissioner of Customs at Ningpo, to Swatow appears to have created a feeling of dismay among the mercantile community both at Shanghai and at Ningpo, judging by the messages and telegrams that have appeared in the Chinese Press. It is now learned that Mr. Carey will not be leaving Ningpo for several weeks to come. He will be succeeded by Mr. A. G. Bethell, Commissioner at Mengtze, while Mr. L. H. Lawford of Shanghai will relieve Mr. Bethell.

With reference to the strange case of Prince Matsukata, pronounced dead and since come out of the catalepsy into which he had fallen, the *China Express* (London), says, a friend who lived many years in Japan recalls a similar incident which happened to a European visitor to Tokyo. The visitor developed pneumonia, sank rapidly, and was certified dead by a European doctor. A Japanese doctor was, however, called for some reason or other to see the body, cut the patient's arm, and found blood still flowing, and ultimately brought him back to health. Clearly you must never say die in Japan.

The sympathy of the community at Singapore was extended last week to Mr. J. G. Campbell, advocate and solicitor, Singapore, in the sad news which reached him by cable announcing the death, at Edinburgh, from pneumonia of his wife, who left Singapore on medical advice towards the close of August last year. News of a distinct improvement in her condition had quite recently been received, so that the later intelligence came with tragic suddenness. The deceased lady, who was 34 years of age, was a daughter of the Hon. Mr. David Gallop, to whom sympathy is also extended as well as to the only child of the marriage, a young son who is now at home.

The P. & O. *Naldora* took on board about 140 passengers at Singapore and about 80 were to join her at Penang. This would bring up her complement of passengers to nearly 500 from the Eastern ports.

The native banks at Canton which suspended business on Saturday as a protest against the imposition of a tax on their business have resumed business on an intimation that the tax will be cancelled.

For the first time for many months the Medical Officer of Health was able to issue a blank return showing that no case of notifiable disease had been reported in the Colony during the 24 hours of April 1st.

Eng. Capt. H. S. Garwood, formerly of H.M.S. *Hawkins*, as fleet engineer officer, has been appointed to the light cruiser *Cornwall*, flagship of Atlantic Fleet destroyer flotilla, as squadron engineer officer.

We are informed that the Hon. Mr. Kemp, K.C., who was a passenger on the *President McKinley* which left on Monday has not gone on home leave but on a visit to Peking. He is due back in Hongkong on the 24th inst.

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## CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.  
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]EMPIRE EXHIBITION STRIKE.  
BUILDERS PICKET THREATENS  
GIRL STUDENT.

LONDON, April 1st.

During the march through Wembley grounds the strikers met opposition in the Burma section, but eventually forced the workers to "down tools" by throwing stones at them. The strikers threatened to pull some girl art students from a scaffolding unless they ceased work. The girls finally consented to cease work, although they protested that they were not in any way connected with the strike.

POLICE GUARD FOR WILLING  
WORKERS.

The Exhibition authorities anticipate that many of the strikers who are idle through intimidation will return to work tomorrow, when 500 police will be drafted to Wembley Park to protect willing workers.

## STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

In the Commons on the adjournment of the House, Sir Philip Sassoon deplored the strike at Wembley. He said he had learned that the strike would inevitably delay the opening of the Exhibition. He severely condemned the action of the strikers, which he declared was an insult to the Empire.

Mr. J. H. Thomas (Secretary of State for the Colonies) strongly contradicted the statement that the Exhibition would not open on time.

STRIKERS' LEADER FORCIBLY  
EJECTED.

LONDON, April 2nd.

A strong force of mounted and unmounted police have matters well in hand at the Empire Exhibition. They forcibly ejected the Chairman of a meeting which the strikers attempted to hold inside the grounds. Artists and others who were intimidated yesterday entered unmolested this morning, but activities generally are still paralysed by the strike, which is entirely unofficial, no Trade Union participating in it.

## HALF THE WORKERS BACK.

It is estimated that fifty per cent. of the men are at work at Wembley.

## PILGRIM SHIP ABLAZE.

BRITISH STEAMER'S FRANTIC  
FIGHT WITH FLAMES.

LONDON, April 1st.

Twelve hundred pilgrims for Jeddah are aboard the burning British steamer *Frangistan* from Bombay and making for Port Sudan, where she is due at daybreak on April 3rd (today). The *Frangistan* is accompanied by the *Chun Maier*, while the steamer *Panglitch* is proceeding from Port Sudan immediately to assist the *Frangistan*. The first wireless report received stated that a cargo of cotton was on fire between decks in Number 2 hold. The weather is calm and there is no immediate danger.

A wireless report states that the fire is spreading and the situation is serious. Every effort is being made to control the flames.

## MORE DISARMAMENT TALK?

AUSTRALIAN SUGGESTION FOR  
ANOTHER CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, April 1st.

Asked, in the House of Representatives, if, in accordance with the Defence Resolutions passed at the Imperial Conference, he would summon a Pacific Conference on further disarmament, to be held in Australia, Mr. Bruce said that while he did not think that such a Conference would have the best prospect of success if it were summoned by Australia, he certainly would welcome a similar suggestion, if one of the Great Powers called for a Conference on which Australia would be represented.

## THE PRINCE'S HOLIDAY.

TEN DAYS AT BIARRITZ AFTER  
RECENT ACCIDENT.

LONDON, April 2nd.  
His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has gone to Biarritz for a ten days' stay to recuperate from the effects of his recent accident.

## EARLIER CABLES.

PEACE PACT WITH TURKEY.  
LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S BAN ON  
SECRET TREATIES.

LONDON, April 1st.

In the House of Commons, the Government's intention to carry out the Labour policy of no secret treaties was announced by the Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in moving the second reading of the Treaty of Peace with Turkey Bill. Mr. Ponsonby urged the passage of the Bill so as to allow of the ratification of the treaty without delay. The Government desired a renewal of normal Anglo-Turkish relations as early as possible. The Government intended to lay every treaty when signed on the table in both Houses 21 days before ratification and publication. It was important that treaties should be discussed if desired. Thus secret treaties would be impossible. (Ministerial cheers.) The Government would also inform the House of all agreements and understandings which might in any way bind the nation to specific action in certain circumstances.

## TO END WAR!

Mr. MacDonald, replying to criticisms of the treaty, declared that there was much in it with which everybody disagreed, but it must be ratified, otherwise there was not going to be an end to a state of war. He stated that the Dominions and India had agreed to ratification.

## THE DEBATE WAS ADJOURNED TILL NEXT WEEK.

## MUNICH "TREASON" RESULT.

SENTENCES VIRTUALLY EQUAL TO  
ACQUITTAL.

MUNICH, April 1st.

Ludendorff was acquitted and von Hitler was sentenced to five years' detention in a fortress.

## LATER.

The sentences virtually amount to acquittal, since the period of detention is to be deducted from the sentences.

The closing scenes at the trial were marked by fervent outbursts on the part of General Ludendorff, to which the spectators responded enthusiastically. General Ludendorff rose when the verdict was announced, and protested against his acquittal when his colleagues were convicted. It was an insult to his uniform.

The President of the Court sharply rebuked General Ludendorff, who again became violently excited and demanded that he be arrested, when the police tried to remove him quietly through the courtyard.

NEWCASTLE U.S. CONSULATE  
CASE.ANGLO-AMERICAN AMITY FULLY  
RESTORED.

LONDON, April 1st.

Every cloud in the Anglo-American relations has been removed by the settlement of the long-standing dispute with regard to the American Consulate at Newcastle, where two Consuls were deprived of their exequators on the ground that they had used their official position to further the interests of American trade.

The details of the settlement have not yet been officially announced, but there is reason to believe that the Consuls will be free to go wherever their Government chooses to send them.

## FIRST LABOUR BUDGET.

TO BE DELIVERED AT END OF  
MONTH.

LONDON, April 1st.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that he will deliver his Budget on April 24th.

## HIGH-FLYING FRANCES.

LONDON, April 1st.

French francs touched the year's high record of 75.70.

The recovery of the Belgian franc is still greater, the rate being 90.50.

## EMPLOYERS HIT BACK.

SOUTHAMPTON ENGINEERS' BIG  
RESPONSIBILITY.

LONDON, April 1st.

The shipbuilders have declared a lock-out on April 10th on the members of all the unions whose Southampton members do not resume work by April 8th.

LATEST CABLES.  
[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]DISASTROUS FIRE IN  
PICTURE THEATRE.VICTIMS ELECTROCUTED AND  
TRAMPLED UPON.

MEXICO CITY, April 1st.

Twenty-six persons were killed and 50 injured in a fire at a cinema theatre in a suburb of Tacabaya City.

A panic followed the outbreak, the majority of the victims being electrocuted by wires hanging neck-high in the main aisle. Many were trampled upon in a wild rush for the exits.

It is believed that a short circuit was the cause of the disaster.

## BIG SNOWSTORM IN U.S.

TRAFFIC AND TELEGRAPHS  
CRIPPLED.

NEW YORK, April 2nd.

The heaviest snowstorm of the season has been raging over the entire Eastern section of the country to-day. From six to eight inches of snow fell in New York and elsewhere, hampering traffic and crippling telegraphs and telephones. Many accidents occurred.

## ELEVATED TRAIN SMASH.

NEW YORK, April 2nd.

One person was killed and twenty-five injured in a collision between elevated trains at Long Island.

WOOLWORTH BUILDING  
SOLD.WORLD'S TALLEST OFFICE TO  
CHANGE HANDS.

NEW YORK, April 1st.

The Woolworth Building, fifty stories high, and the tallest office structure in the world, has been sold for \$11,000,000.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT IN U.S.

PINEBURGH, April 1st.

Hagen won the North and South Open Golf Championship, returning a card of 280 for seventy-two holes. Cyril Walker was second with 285. The British players, Havers and Ockenford, played poorly, withdrawing at the end of the third round. The Australian, Kirkwood, returned 296.

## EARLIER CABLES.

MR. SINCLAIR'S \$5,000  
BOND."NOT GUILTY" PLEA TO CHARGE  
OF CONTEMPT.

WASHINGTON, April 1st.

Mr. Sinclair pleaded not guilty to the charge of contempt of court, and furnished a bond of \$5,000.

## OUTRAGE IN KANSU.

CHINESE EMPLOYEES OF MESSRS.  
ARNHOLD & CO. KILLED.A correspondent of the *Chicago Advertiser*, writing from Haining, Kansu, under the date of March 3rd, says that several Chinese employees of Messrs. Arnhold & Co., Tientsin, left Tientsin, the gateway of Kansu, on February 26th, at the head of a caravan, for the purpose of purchasing wool at Gekundou, the most important mart in the southern part of Tsinghai.

It is now learned that the party was attacked by a band of brigands numbering some 200, at the southern foot of Amnie-ma-chin-la mountains, which is known to the Chinese as Changshihou, about 200 li below Lake Oring, and about 100 li north of the Yellow River, and not only were two killed, but several thousand taels in cash as well as all the goods were stolen, the report being brought back to Tientsin by one of the Chinese on March 2nd. General Ma Tzu-shiang, commander of the garrison at Tientsin, has left for the scene of the disaster at the head of a corps of cavalrymen, to investigate.

It is thought that the murder was committed by the Goloks, considered to be the most savage and ruthless Tibetan tribe, living close to the place where the tragedy took place. The news is received at Haining as quite unaccountable, since there are Mohammedan cavalry forces stationed at Changshihou, and it is unbelievable that brigands make their appearance so close to the town. Foreign employees of the firm remained at Lanchow, and thus escaped the disaster.

## "NO PLACE FOR SHIRKERS."

The Earl of Birmenshead, in presenting his portrait in oils to the Birmenshead School, of which he is an old boy, said, "There is going to be no place for shirkers in this new world," and he advised the boys neither in work nor games to be loafers. Conditions had grown harder, he said, and there was going to be no opening in the new world for those who had not the capacity for concentration and labour.

FAR EASTERN CABLE  
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INTERNATIONAL RUBBER  
EXHIBITION.BRITISH COLONIAL PRODUCE WELL  
REPRESENTED.

BRUSSELS, April 1st.

The sixth International Rubber Exhibition has been opened. The countries represented include the Straits Settlements, the Malay States, Ceylon, and the Dutch East Indies. A series of International Conferences are to be held in connection with the Exhibition.

## MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

INSTITUTE AND MEMORIAL AT  
SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, April 2nd.

At the annual meeting of the Missions to Seamen last night, a resolution was passed providing for the building of an Endowment Institute for Seamen. The total cost will be £250,000, which will also provide a Memorial for the men of the British Mercantile Marine who fell in the War. It was announced that His Majesty had given his sympathy and patronage to the proposals.

## SIAMESE LOAN.

NEW YORK, April 2nd.

Large applicants will receive ten per cent. of the shares applied for, small applicants nil. Dealings commenced at a 2 per cent. premium.

## [BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

## TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, April 1st.

At the annual meeting of the Automobile Club of China, the Chairman, referring to the serious traffic problem, advocated the provision of a large garage with numerous floors and elevators for "parking," and also the introduction of one-way traffic.

## FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

TOKYO, April 1st.

The news of the 30th ult. announcing the replacement of H.E.M. Claudel, the French Ambassador to Japan, by M. Paul Sarraut created a mild furor among the *intelligentsia* in Japan, resulting in the faculties of the principal Japanese universities, fine arts societies and intellectual clubs sending an eloquent cable to *Le Matin* saying that they were relieved to learn that the report was unfounded.

H.E.M. Claudel's departure would have been resented, for he has augmented the Franco-Japanese friendship and is Japan's friend.

Before the report was discredited many protesting meetings were held.

RUSSIA SUPPORTED BY  
WU PEI-FU.GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY MUST  
NOT BE LOST.

[FROM THE "ASIATIC NEWS AGENCY."] Peking, March 23rd.

That Marshal Wu Pei Fu is firmly standing behind Dr. C. T. Wang in demanding the immediate endorsement of the Sino-Russian draft agreement is shown in his three successive telegrams to the Cabinet. The first is dated the 19th, the second the 20th, and the third the 21st inst., and he expressed his opinion strongly. In his third telegram, the Loyal war lord declares that he does not care who is at the helm of the Russo-Chinese negotiations, but for the sake of China's national credit as well as national power, it is the responsibility and duty of the Foreign Minister to see that the golden opportunity is not lost by China in the conclusion of a stable treaty with Soviet Russia. Marshal Wu Pei Fu compared the critical situation as "a dead weight of one thousand catties hanging on a thread of hair" and he urged that without further hesitation, the stipulations of the draft agreement be endorsed by the Government at once. Marshal Wu demands an early answer to his telegram by the Government.

It is feared that the unnecessary as well as unwise interference of the Chinese militarists in such serious diplomatic questions as the existing Sino-Russian negotiations will lead to inner political troubles and a Cabinet crisis at this moment may destroy any hope for a Russo-Chinese agreement. But, fortunately, with the exception of the Loyal war lord, other militarists have so far remained reticent about the Russo-Chinese parties.

That there is some misunderstanding on the part of the Soviet Representatives about the signing of the draft agreement of Dr. Wang is shown by Dr. Wang's second statement just issued. Dr. Wang says that in fact, he did not sign the draft agreement with Mr. Karakhan; but he had merely intimated the various rough copies as evidence so that both sides could not alter any of their contents until they have been examined and approved by the two Governments. Dr. Wang declares that there is vast difference between what he calls "chicken-chin" or intimating evidence and "chicken-tso" or signing documents.

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, February 13th.

It is understood that Scottish Socialist members of the House of Commons propose to demand from the Government a measure to secure self-government for Scotland. Scottish Home Rule is an item in the Socialists' programme, which is proved by the fact that when the members of the party balloted for precedence to introduce bills this session, Mr. Buchanan, the member for Glasgow, who secured a favourable place, was instructed by the officials of the party to take up the "Government of Scotland Bill." The Government is committed on the question, and the Scottish group, while willing to take the chance of making progress with the bill now before the House, evidently wish to make assurance doubly sure by inviting the Government to table a bill of its own at once. The state of Parliamentary business might justifiably be pleaded by the Prime Minister as a reason for his inability to accede to this demand, and in any case a bill of such importance would occupy more time than the Government is likely to be able to spare. The Scottish group last year asked the Unionist Government to set up a Convention on the Irish model to examine the question and frame a Home Rule scheme. The Government declined to do so, but the new Government in the circumstances might be prepared to throw this crumb to their Scottish supporters. That would probably be the full extent of the Government's sympathy with the project this session.

## A NON-POLITICAL LORD ADVOCATE.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has surmounted the last difficulty in the formation of his Ministry—the appointment of a Lord Advocate for Scotland. It so happened that for the first time in history, no member of the Faculty of Advocates was a supporter of the Government in power or had a seat in the House of Commons. What could Mr. Ramsay MacDonald do? He made a special journey to Edinburgh and held several consultations with the highest legal authorities, and as the result a way out of the difficulty was discovered. The acceptance by Mr. Macmillan, K.C., of the post of Lord Advocate on a "non-political basis" involves an important departure from recent custom. Presumably from him and the Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan is not to be regarded as a member of the Government, and accordingly Lord Advocateship will drop out of the list of Ministerial offices. I believe that Mr. Macmillan has the cordial approval of the Unionist party leaders in placing his great professional skill at the disposal of the Government. Their concurrence is in keeping with their avowed desire to give Socialist Ministers every consideration—an attitude which, I have reason to know, is gratefully appreciated by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. He can look forward without misgiving to the threatened attack by a few members of the Clyde group. They will receive no countenance from their responsible colleagues, and are more likely to excite resentment at their efforts to increase the inherent difficulties of their leader's position. Mr. Macmillan is a "son of the manse," and has forced his way to a leading position among advocates by sheer ability.

## SIR JOHN M. MACLEOD.

Among the Baronets in the "Resignation Honours," the most outstanding name is that of Mr. John M. Macleod, formerly the member for Central Glasgow. The only surprise in regard to it is that it has not appeared sooner, for there was no Scottish member with a longer record of distinguished and disinterested public work, or one whose judgment was more highly prized by leaders and colleagues alike. I believe, however, that on a former occasion Mr. Macleod declined a similar honour. He is a son of the famous Dr. Norman Macleod of the Barony, Glasgow.

## CONCERNING MR. ADAMSON.

Patriotic pride is expressed by the Magazine of St. Columba's, the well-known Scots Church in Port Street, London, that the two highest secular offices in the State—those of Prime Minister and Lord Chancellor—are again held by Scotsmen. The magazine also congratulates Scotland on the appointment of Mr. Adamson as the successor to the popular and trusted Viscount Novar in the Scottish Secretariatship. "Mr. Adamson is held in merited respect by all, independent of party opinion," adds the magazine, "and it was an indication of the spirit of Scottish union which lies deeper than all sectional differences that on the same Sunday both the old and new Scottish Secretaries worshipped at St. Columba's—a church on whose walls is a memorial to one of the greatest Secretaries for Scotland, the late Lord Balfour of Burleigh." For Lord Balfour, in spite of all political cleavages, Mr. Adamson cherished through long years a deep respect which was reciprocated.

## THE NEW STYLE OF CHURCH MAGAZINE.

The Church Press has of late years taken a new and more "popular" tone. To take an example, among various brightly contributions in the bright little magazine of Pollokshields Congregational Church in Glasgow is a parody on the Ten Little Nigger Boys. It deals with ten broken resolutions, some of which are—

Ninth resolution—Will not stay up late: "New York calling"—I am—then there were eight.

Eight resolutions pave the way to heaven: Lost a train and mutter "—then there were seven.

Six resolutions, very much alive: Got a gift of "P.D. Scotch"—then there were five.

Two resolutions still to have a run: Dinner late and grouched like mad—then there was one.

Readers who have broken any or all of the resolutions are counselled with the final reflection—"Tis better to resolve and quit than not resolve at all."

## NEW MINISTERS AND PERMANENT OFFICIALS.

A Scot who occupies an important post in the Civil Service makes some interesting revelations about the new Cabinet Ministers and their staffs. He says: "The last thing which I expected was that Mr. Snowden, the apostle of the Capital Levy, would find favour with Treasury officials. Yet he has. Of course, there is no question of a Capital Levy with the present House of Commons. It is on general lines of existing policy that the Treasury potentates 'purr round' Mr. Snowden as if they were his long lost cats. It is astonishing. There is only one serious complaint against the new Ministers. They are much too formal and polite. They will address their private secretaries as 'Mr.' This is one of those things not done in the Service. They knock upon doors as if they were entering the offices of their subordinates. This is not done in the English of the Service, where men who know one another never use prefixes to names and never knock on one another's doors. The situation is difficult. It needs tact to tell a Minister—when he knocks upon one's door, waits for word of admission, and then says, 'Please, Mr. Brown, will you do me the favour to lunch with me to-day?'—it needs tact, I say, to tell him that he ought to open the door abruptly and call out, 'Brown come to lunch.' Another complaint—a small one, because the Civil Service works very hard in their offices until the hour is too late for a comfortable dinner. The dodge to get over this bad habit is to fill up a Minister with 'papers' at about 7.30 and then go to dinner at one's club. He is much too polite to ask next morning why one did not remain in attendance. On the whole, after full consideration, I begin to wonder whether they are not teaching us quite a lot of things which are good for us to learn."

## FAMOUS CLYDE STEAMER.

In the Japanese paddle steamer *Tenryu Maru*, which has just changed hands, few will recognize one of the well-known Clyde packets of some five-and-twenty years ago. She was originally the *Windward Castle* (says the London correspondent of *The Scotsman*), built at Southampton to run a pleasure service from Bournemouth, and when she came out with her tonnage of nearly 900 and a speed of 18 knots she was considered a wonderful ship. Five years later she was bought by the Glasgow Argyshire and Campbelltown Company. After a short time on the service she was renamed *Calson Castle*, and in 1905 was transferred to excursion work on the upper part of the Clyde. Within a few months, however, she was sold to the Russian-Chinese Eastern Railway, who took her out to Port Arthur. When they evacuated Dalian they blew her up in order to prevent the Japanese making use of her as a dispatch vessel, but some years after the victors repaired her, and have been using her ever since on various local passenger services.

## MAH-JONGG.

(This game, at present so popular, was originally played in China 2,000 years ago.)

Beneath the tall pagoda's shanting shade,  
In the cool dimness glint with shimmering glow,  
In dignity inscrutable they sit,  
Two thousand years ago.

The buttons of their office faintly gleam,  
Glow-worms of sapphire, opal, ruby, gold,  
And vestments rich of flowing silken sheen  
Their stately forms enfold.

Around them humbly quiver slenderly,  
The rose-tree, scatterers all her largesse down;  
The breeze wafts faint sweet treasures to the sense;  
Near by stone dragons frown.

But all in vain! With earnest eyes down-bent  
They gaze on Nature's lifeless counter-  
feit,  
Pictures inscribed upon a row of tiles,  
Mere scrolls upon a sheet!

Grave Mandarins! What charm is in  
these signs,  
To kind their fancy thus with magic  
throng!

"In lone dulce est desipere,"  
They only play Mah-Jongg!

—M.C.W. in the *Glasgow Herald*.

## A FAMOUS GOLF CLUB.

This is the tercentenary year of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club. That is to say, there is definite evidence that the club has been in existence for 300 years, though it is reputed to have been formed fourteen years earlier. At any rate, the club possesses "The Silver Cup," among many trophies of all sorts—dating from 1774. The Silver Cup is one of the oldest golf trophies in existence, for the Royal Musselburgh stands sixth in order of seniority among the tens of thousands of golf clubs now to be found all over the world. Hung about the cover of the cup and round its sides are a wealth of gold and silver medals, many engraved with memorial bearings placed there by the men who have won it, with given dates and scores.

## WHY HE OBJECTED.

This story comes from Glasgow Motor Show. A young man who was hurt in a motor accident was lifted from beneath the vehicle and carried to a neighbouring garage. On reaching the garage he recovered his senses somewhat and began to struggle violently. His struggles again induced unconsciousness, and he was finally laid on a handy bench awaiting the doctor's arrival. When asked later why he struggled so at the entrance to the garage he explained that he had seen in a sort of haze a big announcement advertising SHELL spirit and some silly old man was standing in front of the "B."



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## NIEPHES AND NIECES.

It is recorded of Betsey Trotwood that she wanted a niece. When she found that her brother's child was a boy "she said never a word, but took her bonnet by the strings in the manner of a sling, aimed a blow at Mr. Chilling's head with it, put it on bent, walked out and never came back." Whether a preference for nieces is common in maiden aunts we must leave to those who have enjoyed larger opportunities for studying the problem. But we feel it right to draw attention to the action of the lady who, in leaving her estate to her nephews and nieces, has declared, "I feel that females are more in need of assistance than males, who have their professional income; so the share of each niece shall be double the share of each nephew." (That David Copperfield's aunt would not have agreed with this is plain. The suggestion that "females are more in need of assistance than males" would have roused that excellent woman to such wrath as smothered the family of Murdstone. David's hypothetical sister, we remember, "never would have run away." Such fatuity is for boys. It is the male sex, a collection of Mr. Dicks and Mr. Mewbobs and such creatures, who need assistance. Yet we are bound to recognise in the double portion for girls some preparation for the injustice of many ages. How many families have treated their daughters, from generation to generation as Mr. Dombey treated Florence? When the Thrakes lost their only son, Johnson lamented, "This is a total extinction to their family, as much as if they were sold into captivity. Boys are destined to support that there was a daughter or so left." "Daughters," said Johnson warmly, "be'll no more value daughters than— Sir, don't you know how you yourself think? Sir, he wishes to propagate the name." And also, as the Doctor added, in a cooler moment, he was thinking of the business. For what can misers do with a brewhouse? The name and the business have doctored many a girl's portion. For we must allow that old Lady Lee never leaving her money to Ethel Newcome, rather than Ethel's eldest brother, Barnes, did, as Sir Barnes would have been the first to acknowledge, a very strange, unfathomable thing. But we have changed all that. The reputation to the girls comes too late. They have their professional income "now as much as the men. And in a little while it will be generally recognised that Miss Trotwood is right. The boys it is who are destined in the hard modern world." Daily Telegraph.

## AN ARAB DON JUAN.

Mohamed Ben Ahmed, an Arab Don Juan, has fallen upon evil days through trying to introduce the dashing methods of lovers of other times into the respectable Paris suburb of Argenteuil. In February last year Mohamed fell in love with Madame Bole, of Argenteuil, but the fact that her husband was still alive placed an obstacle in the path of his affections. He therefore resorted on the picturesque, downright methods adopted by his ancestors and other lovers of more adventurous days. One morning, when the husband had left home, Mohamed called upon Madame Bole and summoned her either to follow him or be shot. On being repulsed he fired and wounded her. Early next morning he was roused from his bed by the police, who forced their way into his house, but he opened such a hot fire upon them at his bedroom door that they held back long enough for him to escape by way of the window, running the gauntlet of fire from the other police below. He then took to a neighbouring wood, where, in spite of police guards posted all round it and searches carried out with hounds, he evaded capture. He even succeeded in stealing out of the wood at night and returning with victuals stolen from the town, but no one ever saw him.

After he had been besieged in the wood for three days he again eluded the police, and secreted himself in the Bole's house while the owners were out, with the intention of avenging what he considered the slight that had been put upon him, and perhaps making his loved one a widow. When the Boles returned the Arab fired upon them from his hiding place in a dark corner, wounding the husband this time, but he was back in the wood again before the alarm was raised. For some days the police who searched the wood were occasionally fired upon, but they never saw Mohamed. It was only after months of searching all over France that he was traced to Brussels. His own story of the affair is that he fired each time through fear. The police of Argenteuil he said, took him for a dangerous bandit, and were making war upon him. His heart, apparently, still beats for Madame Bole, for when she appeared in the witness stand he broke down and wept copiously into a large handkerchief. Until the voice of the judge sentencing him to five years' imprisonment banished the lover's despair for sterner sentiments.

## FINED FOR SINGING BADLY.

The correctional tribunal of Albi, in the Tarn Department, has just delivered a judgment which will no doubt win for it the admiration and gratitude of thousands who had never heard of it before. It will almost certainly be quoted for ages as a shining example of what justice should be. This bold tribunal has inflicted a fine of 25f on a lady who, though her neighbours held that she could not sing, believed she could and persisted in trying. Some of her most notable performances took place in the little parish church of Notre Dame d'Ourguet, where her vocal efforts now stand compensated in enthusiasm for what they lacked in talent. Her fellow-parishioners, the chorists, and the priest all appealed to her in vain either not to sing so loudly or to sing in tune, and at length, on the appeals of his congregation, the priest was compelled to refuse admittance to the too vigorous vocalist on the ground that her efforts constituted an interruption of Divine service which amounted to disorder. Thereafter she sang outside the church when the services were in progress, but she changed her programme by singing a song of her own composition, in which the priest, parishioners, and chorists were held up to ridicule. The punishment inflicted by the tribunal is not heavy, but perhaps a judgment backed by the presence of a legal assembly may convince the lady that her criticism was right and herself mistaken about her power to charm with music.

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through the bitter night, and only in an  
overlooked house, where his parents were at-  
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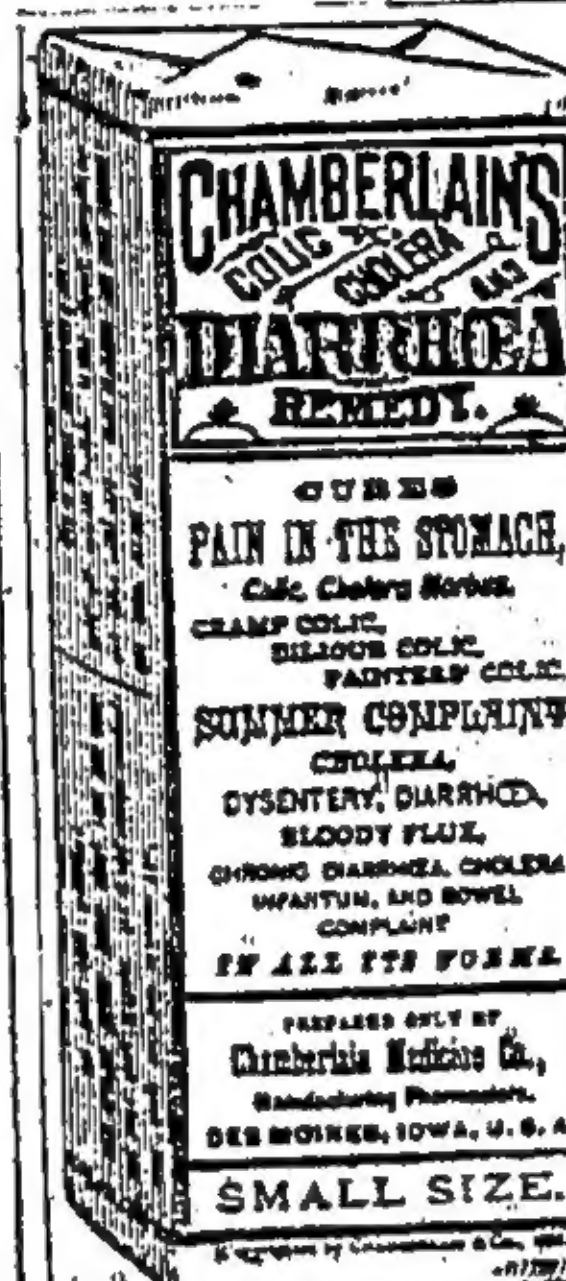
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# BLOW TO TAX EVADERS. SOMERSET HOUSE SURPRISE.

In amplification of a brief telegram reproduced recently from an Indian paper, we quote the following from a London paper received by the last mail:

Somerset House has thrown a bomb-shell among hundreds of people who, by residing less than six months in England and then going abroad bag and baggage, have evaded the demands of the income-tax collector.

Such people have thought they were within the law which provides exemption from taxation for persons not ordinarily resident here.

This method of tax evasion, a high official of the Inland Revenue Department said to a Press representative, has become so widespread that we have been forced to act for hundreds of thousands of pounds have been lost to the Exchequer.

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"There is a whole colony of these evaders in the south of France," he continued. "In the first place, these people are under a misapprehension. The residential qualification of six months applies only to people coming to this country from the Dominions or a foreign country, and then only means that any income they may derive from their country of origin is not taxable here if they stay less than six months; every penny they earn here is taxable."

Most of the evaders are persons in receipt of fixed incomes who before the war could live quite comfortably on their money and pay their taxation without trouble. Now, with increased taxation and the decreased purchasing power of the pound, they find it difficult to maintain their former mode of living. They have got over the problem of evading income tax in the way described. A man with £3,000 a year would save nearly £700.

## HELP FROM THE BANKS.

"We have had to get at them at the source of their income, and we have circulated every bank in Great Britain and Northern Ireland telling them that whether a man lives abroad six and a half months of the year or not his income must be taxed. The banks will make the necessary deductions from all dividends received by them on behalf of such clients. If those clients think they are wrongly assessed they can communicate with us."

Directly the true meaning of the exemption has been brought to the notice of some evaders they have recognized that they were in the wrong."

## REVENUE DODGERS.

Mr. Christopher Bock writing on this subject to the *Daily Mail* says:

The Inland Revenue Department has declared war upon the people who derive their income from this country and evade payment of taxation by residing for less than six months of every year in England. Means have been found of making these evaders pay.

But there are other—and smaller—offenders who are harder to deal with.

The owner who has one or two dogs is honest enough, but you may rest assured that these dogs often suffice for four dogs, and that where the number is greater so is the evasion. After all, the country constable, merely by passing the gate of a house, can hardly be expected to know the exact number of dogs kept there.

The tax on a man's servant is fifteen shillings, but there are very many exemptions. In any case, the employer does not pay on a farm labourer, or even on a gardener, who does only rough outside work and is paid labourer's wages.

But many an employer uses an outdoor man for occasional indoor service or for driving a car. He is safe so long as the servant spends only the smaller moiety of his employed time in services of this kind, but if the limit is exceeded he at once becomes liable to the tax.

(Then there is the question of the tradesman's pony trap or car, which if it is to pay the lower duty must be used for business purposes only, and bear its owner's name painted upon it. This is an enactment which is frequently broken, and usually with impunity.)

But the Excise duty which is most commonly evaded is certainly that which is demanded for armorial bearings. These seem to be a general idea that this duty is not payable unless the crest is exhibited on the buttons of a servant's livery or painted on a car or carriage, but this is very far from the letter of the law.

In actual fact, any person wearing or using armorial bearings, even as an ornament, is liable to pay the yearly guinea. And the rather cruel part of it is that it does not matter, in the eye of the law, whether the bearings are on a coat or some other article. If you go into a pawnbroker's shop and buy an old seal with a crest cut upon it and place this in your cabinet collection it renders you liable to the tax. It has actually been held that the wearing of a signet ring bearing a lion rampant rendered the wearer liable to the duty.

Since there are few of us who do not own some article showing armorial bearings of one kind or another, it follows that this particular duty is more widely evaded than any other.

## DINOSAUR EGG.

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The market price of eggs ten million years old was established recently in New York when Mr. Austen Colgate purchased one for £1,050. The egg was laid by a dinosaur in the Gobi Desert, in Mongolia, one of twenty-five gathered last July by Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, of the Natural History Museum.

It is to be deposited in the Colgate Museum at Hamilton, New York State. Mr. Andrews announced that all but £10,000 sterling of the £50,000 required for a fourth expedition to the Gobi Desert is now provided. The expedition will start next June to search for the missing link. It will be equipped with wireless so that important discoveries can be communicated from the heart of the desert to the world.

A cable from New York in January said that £1,050, the price now obtained, was the reserve price, and that Lord Rothschild was understood to be bidding for an egg for the British Museum.

## ENGLAND'S DRIEST TOWN.

Which is the soberest large town in the United Kingdom? The honour is claimed by Plymouth. Mr. H. H. Sanders, the Chief Constable, has prepared a return showing the proceedings for drunkenness in 15 towns of more or less comparable size.

This puts Plymouth in an exalted position at the top of the table for only 99 men and women were proceeded against there for drunkenness last year, giving a rate of .47 per thousand of the population, as compared with 5.319 or 6.62 per thousand at Liverpool, whose record is the worst of all the great towns.

Portsmouth, a naval and Dockyard place, with conditions closely approximating to those at Plymouth, had nearly three times as many prosecutions for drunkenness per thousand of its population. Another point upon which Plymouth is priding itself is that not a single Service man—sailor, soldier, or marine—was proceeded against for drunkenness.

The chief cause of Plymouth's sobriety are attributed to the improvements in the licensed premises, the reduction in the number of houses, and the picture theatre, which according to the Chief Constable, "has proved to be the greatest enemy of the drinking bar."

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Hongkong, 29th March, 1924. [570]

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 21st April, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 31st March, 1924. [572]

# INDO-CHINA

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.  
STRAITS & CALCUTTA ... "FOOKSANG" ... 3rd Apr. 3 p.m.  
MANILA ... "YUENSANG" ... Saturday, 5th Apr. 11 a.m.  
SHANGHAI via SWATOW ... "FAUSANG" ... Sunday, 8th Apr. 7 a.m.  
BANGKOK via SWATOW ... "HANGSANG" ... Tuesday, 8th Apr. Noon.

TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI ... "WAISHING" ... Wednesday, 9th Apr. 7 a.m.  
Kobe via SHANGHAI ... "KUTSANG" ... Wednesday, 9th Apr. 7 a.m.  
TIENTSIN ... "CHEONGSHING" ... Wednesday, 9th Apr. Noon.

SHANGHAI via SWATOW ... "FOOCHING" ... Friday, 11th Apr. 7 a.m.  
MANILA ... "SUHSANG" ... Saturday, 13th Apr. 11 a.m.  
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ... "LEESANG" ... Sunday, 13th Apr. 10 a.m.

TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI ... "KWONGSANG" ... Wednesday, 16th Apr. 7 a.m.  
BANGKOK via HOIHOW ... "CHUNSANG" ... Friday, 18th Apr. 10 a.m.  
Kobe via MOJI ... "LAISANG" ... Friday, 18th Apr. Noon.

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SANDAKAN ... "MAUSANG" ... Wednesday, 23rd Apr. 1 p.m.

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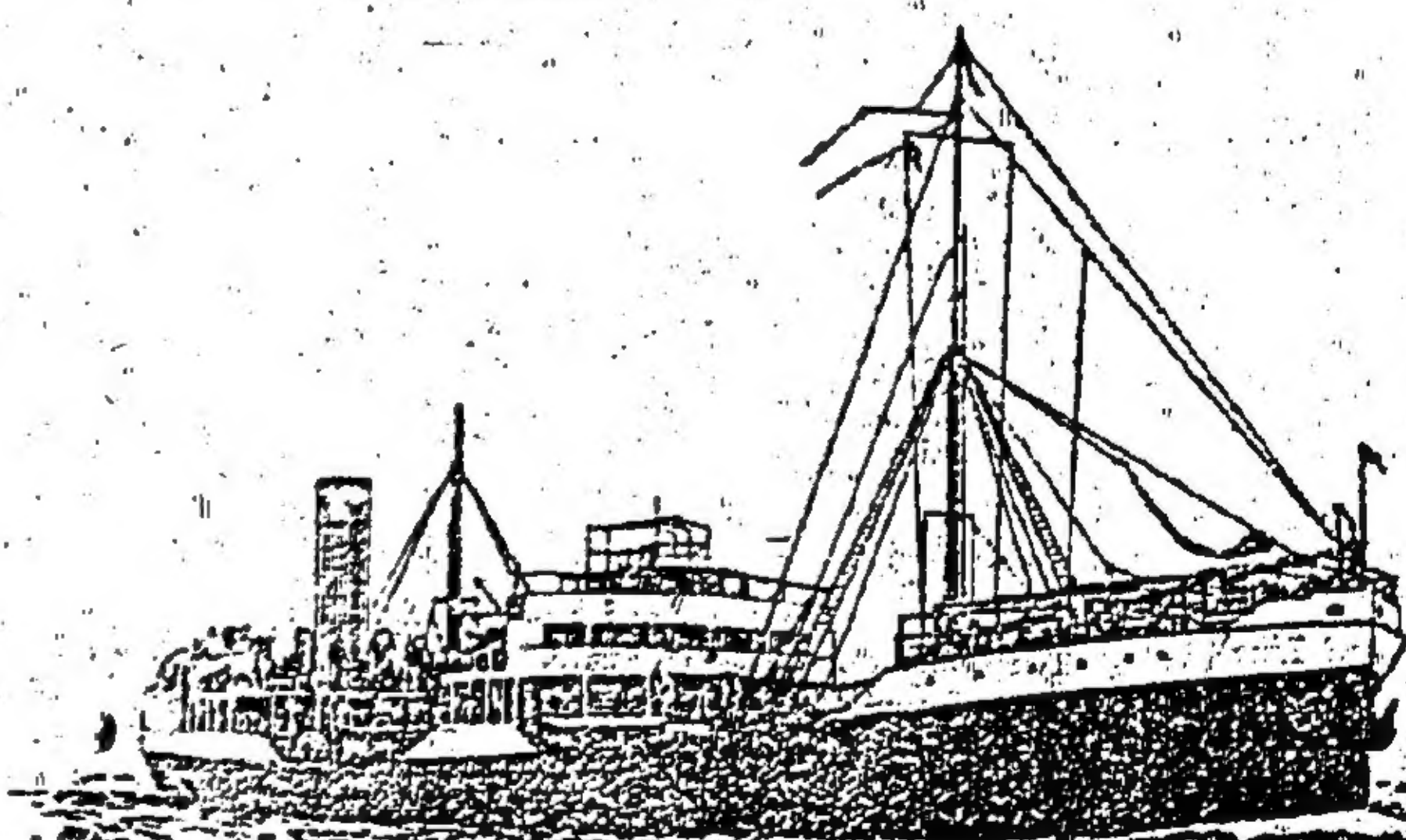
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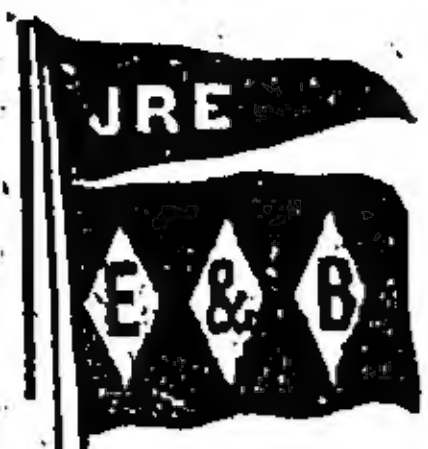
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"NELLORE"	4,463	17th April	Mars, L'don, A'werp & R'dam.
"CHINA"	7,852	19th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SOUDAN"	6,896	23rd April	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SALINA"	9,118	27th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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"PLASSY"	7,426	8th May	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KABEMIR"	8,983	17th May	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	24th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KRIVA"	8,097	25th May	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KABGAR"	8,840	31st May	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,896	14th June	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KARMALA"	9,098	28th June	Mars, L'don, A'werp & R'dam.
"SICILIA"	8,813	12th July	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
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"TUMALLA"	5,205	8th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo.
"TALMA"	10,003	13th April	do.
"JAPAN"	6,038	29th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,953	6th May	do.
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"GOGRA"	5,181	7th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,953	15th Apr.	do.
"PLASSY"	7,426	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KRIVA"	8,097	2nd May	Moji & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,948	5th May	Shanghai.
"SICILIA"	8,813	13th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KABGAR"	8,840	18th May	Moji & Kobe.
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW"	On 3rd Apr. 10 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 3rd Apr. Noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 4th Apr. D.L.
SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"SZECHUEN"	On 5th Apr. D.L.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"CHIHLI"	On 5th Apr. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TIENSIN"	On 6th Apr. 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"TEAN"	On 6th Apr. Noon.
SHANGHAI & NEWCHOW	"WUHU"	On 6th Apr. D.L.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUKIANG"	On 6th Apr. 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"YUNNAN"	On 6th Apr. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 6th Apr. 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 6th Apr. D.L.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 6th Apr. 2 p.m.
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"SILVIO FELICCO"	Kobe	1st June
"NIPPON"	Moji	3rd June
"ROSANDRA"	Yokohama	3rd July

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"FIUME-L"	Moji	8th May
"ATLANTA"	Yokohama	4th June
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## INWARD MAILES.

From	Per	Due
SHANGHAI ... ..	Sinking ... ..	3rd April
AUSTRALIA	St. Albans	3rd April
SEATTLE	Nashua	4th April
EUROPE via SUZ (Letters and papers.)	Kashmir ... ..	4th April
London 6th Mar., & Parcels 25th Feb.)		
AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... ..	Kul	4th April
SHANGHAI ... ..	Nimpo	4th April
SHANGHAI ... ..	Naming ... ..	4th April
SHANGHAI ... ..	Khyber	4th April
SHANGHAI ... ..	Pres. Lincoln	6th April
MANILA ... ..	Harcus	6th April
SHANGHAI ... ..	Pres. Jackson	8th April
MANILA ... ..	Atara Mara	8th April
SEATTLE ... ..	Aki Mara	10th April
AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... ..	Bisp. of Australia	10th April
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI ... ..	Pres. Jefferson	11th April
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI ... ..	Pres. Garfield	14th April

## OUTWARD MAILS

FOR	PER	DATE.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C., via Vancouver, B.C., Sitka, Agn., and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially supercribed "Via Siberia" only) ... ..	Emp of Russia	Thursday, 3rd, Registration Letters 8.15 A M 10.00 A M
Straits ... ..	Jeypora ... ..	10.00 A M
Amoy ... ..	Aveling ... ..	10.00 A M
Straits and Calcutta ... ..	Koekang ... ..	1.00 P M
Swatow ... ..	Eydrangsa ... ..	3.30 P M
Shanghai ... ..	Soochow ... ..	5.00 P M
Manila, Singapore, and parcels for Germany via Hamburg ... ..	Derflinger ... ..	5.00 P M
Japan ... ..	Alpi Maru ... ..	Friday, 4th, 8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... ..	Maiching ... ..	Noon
Swatow and Amoy ... ..	Van Cloon ... ..	3.30 P M
Shanghai and Japan ... ..	Sweden ... ..	5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Mar- sailles—due Marseilles, 3rd May. ... ..	Klaybr ... ..	Parcels 4th, Saturday, 5th, Registration Letters 9.45 A M 10.30 A M
Manila ... ..	Yuenanang ... ..	10.00 A M
Shanghai and Japan ... ..	Kohutir ... ..	10.00 A M
Amoy ... ..	Chihui ... ..	9.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Hoibow and Bangkok ... ..	Kaijo Maru ... ..	Sunday, 6th, 9.00 A M 9.00 A M
Straits and Surab ... ..	Ten ... ..	2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America, & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO due San Francisco, 4th May. ... ..	Troilus ... ..	Monday, 7th, 9.00 A M
Swatow and Bangkok ... ..	Korea Maru ... ..	Tuesday, 8th, Registration Letters 9.45 A M 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow ... ..	Hinwang ... ..	10.30 A M
	Hai Heng ... ..	Noon

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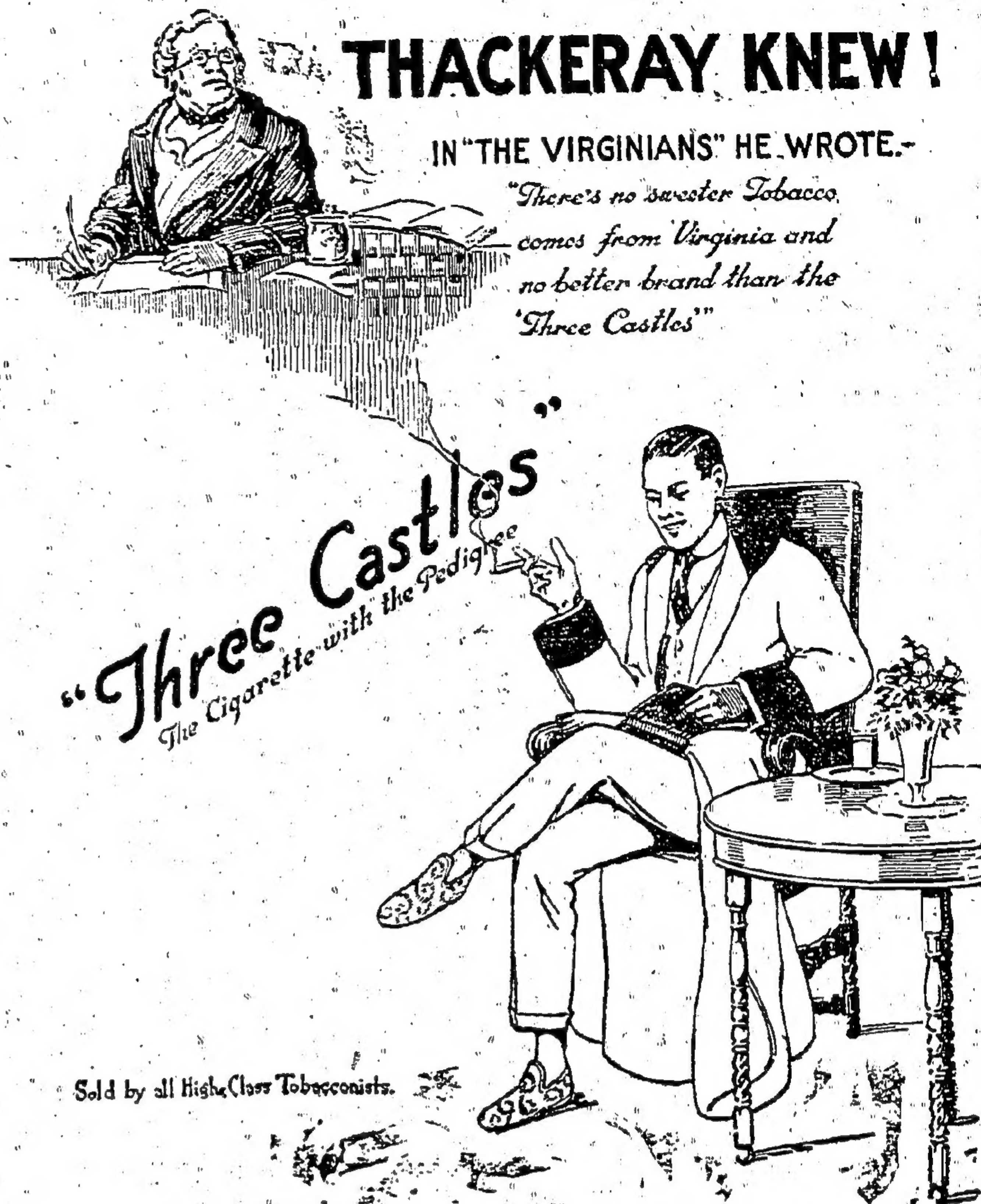
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